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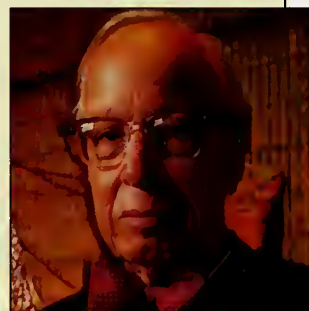
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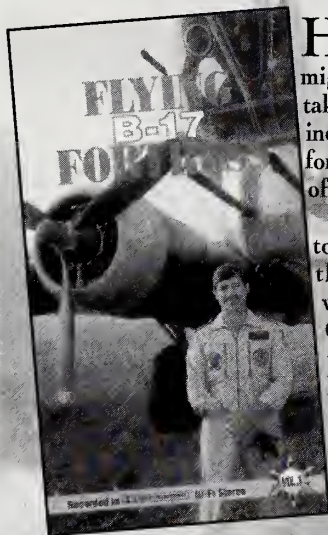


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Iraqis In America

I was shocked to find that our government is resettling 4,000 Iraqi soldiers who surrendered in the Persian Gulf War. Not only are they allowed to come to the United States, but they also are given cash grants of \$7,000 each. Keep in mind these are enemies that were committed to the death and destruction of our forces. It is unbelievable that we should reward our enemies and fail to reward our own veterans of this war.

*M.C. Warmbier
West Chester, Ohio*

If we are going to resettle every Iraqi persecuted by Saddam Hussein, we are going to spend billions of dollars because about 90 percent of Iraqis are so persecuted.

*Ronald Baptista
Seattle, Wash.*

Editor's Note: According to the U.S. State Department, 3,691 ex-Iraqi soldiers and their families have been resettled in America so far, with another 4,000 expected this year and more in 1994. The 75th American Legion National Convention in Pittsburgh passed Res. 257 calling on the United States to "terminate the policy of allowing resettlement of members or former members of the Iraqi armed forces and their families in the United States."

Myth Stakes

"The Eco-Crisis Myth" (October) interview with author Ron Bailey was excellent. There are a number of self-proclaimed environmentalists out there who are only interested in promoting themselves and who, obviously, know nothing about the environment.

*Philip E. Binzel Jr.
Washington, Ohio*

Ron Bailey tells us not to be alarmed because "in the last 25 years, the environment has improved vastly. There is significantly less air and water pollution than there was a quarter-century ago."

Nowhere does Bailey credit the environmental laws of the past 20 years for that significant improvement.

The improvement was no accident. It was the result of hard-fought legislative contests between the environmentalists and industry.

*Bill Tyndall
Millington, N.J.*

"The Eco-Crisis Myth" was very sensible, informative and full of common sense. We have enough problems without creating and sensationalizing new ones.

*Joseph F. Smith
Norristown, Pa.*

Those of us who have been around a few years and knew this country when the skies were actually clear and blue and the stream waters were pure enough to drink, are deeply aware of the disaster the world faces by indiscriminate contamination of the atmosphere. I'm sorry to see such trash as "The Eco-Crisis Myth" included in our magazine.

*Arthur W. Scholbe
Cahokia, Ill.*

Every time the Greens, environmentalists, the save the animals, the

wetland plants, etc., push through legislation, we take the hits. A typical example: Regulators have deemed part of a farmer's land is protected wetlands. The farmer cannot farm it or do anything to it except pay the taxes. They are taking away the Fifth Amendment, which states: "No person shall be . . . deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

*Edward D. Armrbuster
Defuniak Springs, Fla.*

In the mid 1950s, a temperature inversion hung over London, and thousands of people died because of the extremely toxic air pollution. Many U.S. cities faced a similar fate, but legislation such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act passed. It is rather depressing to know otherwise intelligent people are denying that we are in serious trouble.

*Curtis Clemenson
Houston*

No Vietnam Loans

It's absurd to even consider lifting the embargo and giving IMF money to Vietnam ("Legion Opposes IMF Loans To Vietnam," Legion News, September). We rebuilt Japan after World War II, and now they are trying to put us out of business.

*John Haney
Highland, Ind.*

Selling Sales Tax

"Do We Need a National Sales Tax?" by Grover G. Norquist, Steven L. Hayes and George Chelekis (September) brought to light an issue whose time has come.

My experience as a tax preparer and consultant has shown that if a sales tax system is used, individuals who currently pay the most tax—the W-2 wage earners—would pay substantially less tax with the burden shifting to those who traditionally pay little or no tax. Instead of the government mailing 90 million tax returns each year and then trying to enforce compliance by each, individuals

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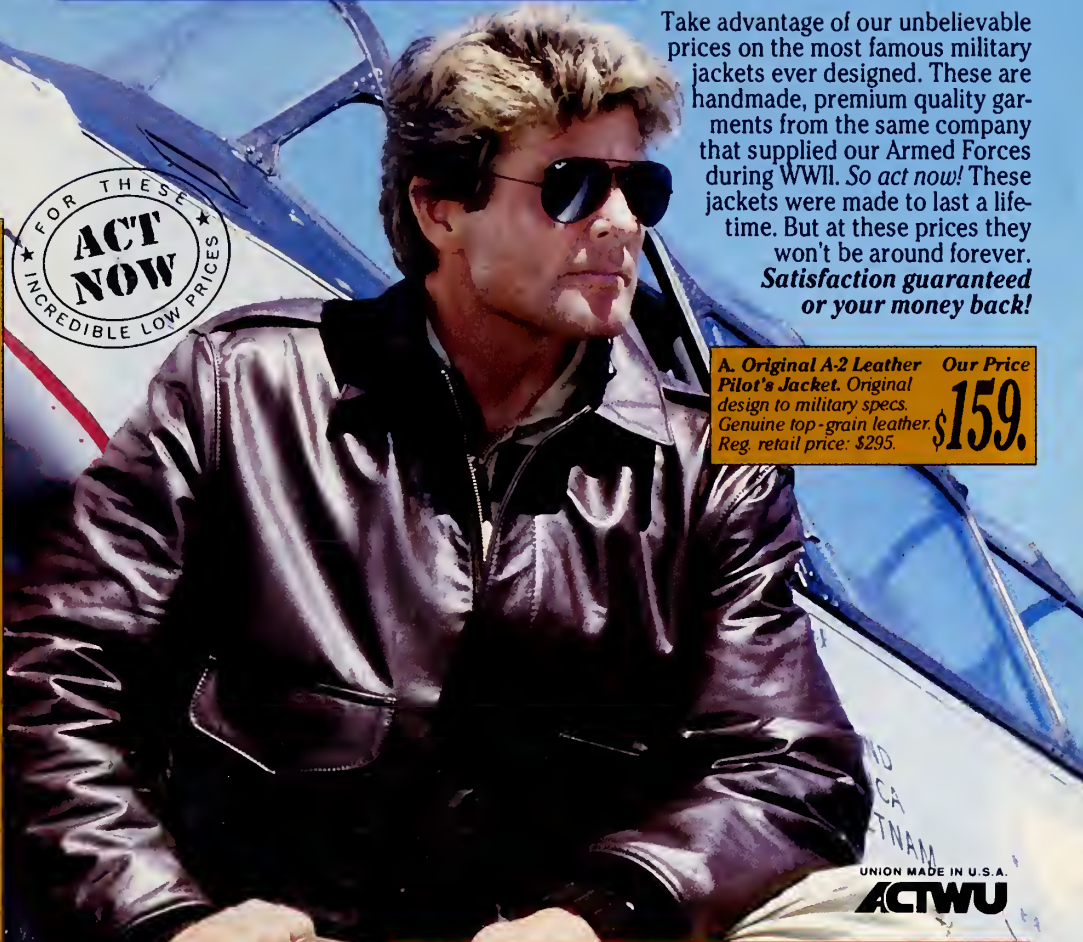
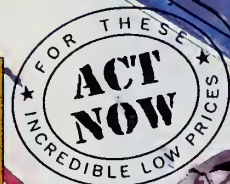
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*Paul Baldwin
Little Rock, Ark.*

Lessons Of Life

I was so moved by the article, "What Every Child Should Be Taught," by Gary Bauer (October), that I even turned down the TV set to read it to my wife. It was a powerful piece, well-written and on balance with my days as a child. The article was like reading a list of everything I, as a parent, want my children to hold sacred when they leave home.

*Joseph E. Hilson Jr.
Scranton, Pa.*

I particularly enjoyed Bauer's article. We must have character education programs in our schools that emphasize the core values of compassion, courage, courtesy, fairness, honesty, kindness, loyalty, perseverance, respect and responsibility.

*Edward J. Earley
Professor of Education
Kutztown University
Kutztown, Pa.*

Memories & Mittens

Thanks for remembering Korea ("Korea 1950-53" by Norman Goldstein, July). I was a 17-year-old PFC on May 1, 1950, when I reported to the 21st Inf. Regt., 24th Inf. Div., in Kumamoto, Japan. In early July, we made contact with the North Korean army. I was to see no peace until October 1951 when I came home, cold, hungry, shot up and grown old.

Half the time, I didn't know if my mittens were backward or forward, and I didn't care.

*Billy Henson
Temple, Ga.*

The articles about Korea contained a serious omission—the women in the rear echelon. Remember, we were the ones who worked behind the lines so the men could fight on the front. We do not need a national memorial, but it would be appreciated if we were made a part of any and all articles about the war.

*Mrs. Lee Nemeth
Barrington, N.H.*

At Home, In Class

In her article, "Going to School by Staying at Home" (September), Diedre Sullivan failed to mention that not all of these homeschooling parents are as literate as the former teacher featured in the article. Several far-right conservative Christian groups teach that there were no dinosaurs, and that the devil supplied phony evidence to support the claim that the prehistoric age occurred. As an American, I am mortified that young minds are getting bombarded with religiously camouflaged, anti-American hate doctrine. We must never forget those children who died in Waco, Texas, by the hands of a fanatical few.

*Elizabeth A. McClain
Lansdowne, Md.*

I commend you for your article about homeschooling. In our local community, there are more than 150 homeschooled children, and I am happy to report that our daughter plans to homeschool our grandchildren.

As a judge of local scholarship contests, I was very shocked to see how much better homeschooled children were in all areas of current events, history, English and poise than those in public schools. When will our federal, state and local governments wake up and see that the present system of schooling is not working?

*Steven W. Eckert
Waterloo, Ind.*

High academic achievement and morally correct upbringing is no guar-

antee that a person will have a successful career, get along well with other people, morally live as taught, and have a pleasant and rewarding life. No parent nor teaching aid can approach the expertise a public school can provide, not to mention the feedback or the exchange of ideas.

*Lloyd R. Lamb
Burwell, Neb.*

Homeschools report no data or results. I know this is true in our school district because state law makes me responsible for homeschoolers here, even though I never see them. I manage a small school district, and I can't imagine what it would be like to keep track of all of the homeschools in a large district.

We have huge amounts of data supporting the premise that the result of any learning by children is directly related to the involvement of parents in the education process. One has to wonder how well we would do in public schools if all of our parents showed the same commitment to the education of their children that is shown by the parents described in the article.

*Stephen Twitchell
Superintendent
Independent School District 294
Houston, Minn.*

Sullivan wrote a well-balanced portrait of homeschooling. More people need to realize that home education is a positive, possible alternative to public school. I'm sharing the article with fellow home learners.

*Rosanna Richmond
Stuart, Fla.*

Cover Girl

I would like to thank you for the beautiful picture on your October issue. The little girl, I'm sure, brought smiles across our great nation.

*Erwin C. Phune
Hemet, Calif.*

Back To Class

Lewis Finch may be superintendent of Colorado's largest school district, but his reasoning is limited when he says, "school choice does not guarantee a good education" ("The Fight

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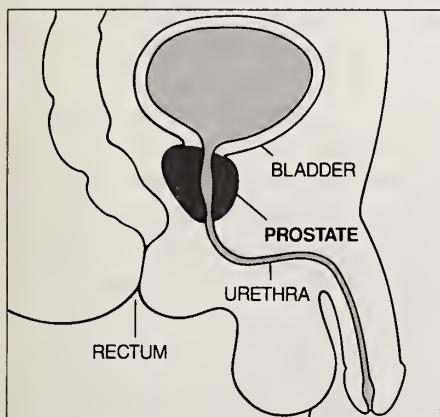
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BPH is an enlargement of the prostate gland. After age 50, most men develop enlarged prostates. The prostate is located below the bladder. As the prostate enlarges, it may slowly restrict the flow of urine. This can lead to symptoms such as:

- a weak or interrupted urinary stream
- a feeling that you cannot empty your bladder completely
- a feeling of delay or hesitation when you start to urinate
- a need to urinate often, especially at night
- a feeling that you must urinate right away.

Treatment options for BPH

There are three main treatment options for BPH:

- **Program of monitoring or "Watchful Waiting".** If a man has an enlarged prostate gland and no symptoms or if his symptoms do not bother him, he and his doctor may decide on a program of monitoring which would include regular checkups, instead of medication or surgery.
- **Medication.** Your doctor may prescribe PROSCAR for BPH. See "What PROSCAR does" below.
- **Surgery.** Some patients may need surgery. Your doctor can describe several different surgical procedures for BPH. Which procedure is best depends on your symptoms and medical condition.

What PROSCAR does

PROSCAR lowers levels of a key hormone called DHT (dihydrotestosterone), which is a major cause of prostate growth. Lowering DHT leads to shrinkage of the enlarged prostate gland in most men. This can lead to gradual improvement in urine flow and symptoms over the next several months. However, since each case of BPH is different, you should know that:

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• **About prostate specific antigen (PSA).** Your doctor may have done a blood test called PSA. PROSCAR can alter PSA values. For more information, talk to your doctor.

• A warning about PROSCAR and pregnancy.

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Handling broken tablets. Women who are pregnant or who could become pregnant must not handle broken tablets of PROSCAR.

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If a woman who is pregnant comes into contact with the active ingredient in PROSCAR, a doctor should be consulted. Remember, these warnings apply only if the woman exposed to PROSCAR is pregnant or could become pregnant.

How to take PROSCAR

Follow your doctor's advice about how to take PROSCAR. You must take it every day. You may take it with or between meals. To avoid forgetting to take PROSCAR, it may be helpful to take it the same time every day.

Do not share PROSCAR with anyone else; it was prescribed only for you.

Keep PROSCAR and all medicines out of the reach of children.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PROSCAR AND BPH, TALK WITH YOUR DOCTOR. IN ADDITION, TALK TO YOUR PHARMACIST OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.



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Over School Choice" by Gurney Williams III, October).

Look at the jobs held by graduates of private schools in America as opposed to the blue collar slots relegated to those who went through public school training. The real myth is equal education.

Frank Anthony
Windsor, Vt.

Ghost Plane

"The Ghost Plane From Mindanao" by Michael Lemish (September) was one of the most interesting and well-written articles that I have come across in a long time. I have heard of the legendary ghost plane for many years, but this is the first time that I have seen the legend so well traced.

James R. Qualey
Weymouth, Mass.

This story is a myth, it never happened. How do I know? I was there.

I was an Army officer assigned to the Philippine Army. I arrived on Mindanao on Jan. 1, 1942, and didn't leave until January of 1945. When the United States surrendered May 10, 1945, I went into the hills and fought guerrilla warfare. I was well acquainted with most of the guerrilla fighters. We have a close knit veterans organization which meets for reunions every two years. Were this story even remotely true, I would have heard about it long ago. I am surprised that a veterans publication such as yours would print such hogwash.

Clyde C. Childress
Tucson, Ariz.

I would like to thank the more than 100 readers who wrote in response to Mike Lemish's fine article. Here is some further information.

• Many have identified "Corn" Sherrill as the pilot. He was not. Robert L. Scott, in his fictionalized account of the ghost plane story, *Damned to Glory*, only suggested he might be. When *Reader's Digest* books reprinted the story, that footnote was dropped.

• Lt. John "Brown" Brownwell of the 17th Pursuit Squadron told me he sited and built some 20 emergency

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U.N. PEACEKEEPING WRONGLY ENDANGERS OUR TROOPS

IN SOMALIA, we're in a war we can't win, an ugly manifestation of compassion so misguided that it overrides our national interest. As I wrote the President, I am concerned that our involvement in Somalia signals four serious flaws in our foreign policy—flaws that could cost American servicepersons their lives (see Legion News, Page 42).

1. America needs a clear definition of our national interest as it relates to peacekeeping and humanitarian operations.

The United States became involved in Somalia's civil war in response to grim and saddening photography of starvation, not because of the now dormant Soviet threat or any other reasonable extension of America's national interest. Clearly, we let our compassion dictate our foreign policy and have placed ourselves on the road to a quagmire.

Our mission was to feed Somalia's starving masses who were cut off from food by a bloody civil war. Under the flag of the United Nations (U.N.), we did that. And then our troops should have come home.

But with a misguided, multinational paternalism, the U.N.—through Res. 814—turned a humanitarian mission into something much more ambitious: the task of rebuilding Somalia's government, re-establishing its national economy, developing a system of justice and establishing a police force to maintain law and order.

Are any of these missions in America's national interest? Are any one of these objectives worth the lives of American GIs?

President Clinton, by keeping U.S. troops as part of a U.N. force, decided that these goals were worth risking the lives of American troops. To date, 165 GIs have been wounded, at least one



Nat'l. Cmdr. Bruce Thiesen

was held as a political hostage and 27 have given their lives in this "humanitarian" mission.

With Bosnia and other potential peacekeeping missions on the horizon, America must define its national interests so it doesn't get caught in a war it can't win, a war like Somalia.

2. Congress should approve the commitment of U.S. troops to peacekeeping or humanitarian operations.

By using the U.N. as a policy-making organ, the United States is taking American foreign policy out of the hands of Congress and the American people.

If our President wants to send our sons and daughters to serve in peacekeeping operations, then he must come before us with clearly defined goals and convince us that they are worth risking American lives to achieve.

As the Somalia operation changed from a mission to stop starvation to a blood-hunt for a leader in the civil

war, America was unprepared for the consequence: By assuming this role, U.N. forces became viewed as combatants instead of peacekeepers.

These operations should never be outside the scrutiny of Congress.

3. American troops should not be placed under foreign command except in exceptional circumstances where Congress grants specific approval.

Congress must establish effective ways to prohibit foreign command of U.S. military forces. Placing American military forces under foreign command strips away America's sovereignty and violates the Constitution's Article I, which designates the President as Commander-in-Chief.

U.S. troops in both Somalia and Macedonia have been placed under foreign command, a dangerous precedent as the United States gets more involved in peacekeeping operations. In just one incident in Somalia, the lack of communications between U.S. forces and their foreign commanders resulted in seven combat deaths. And I'm afraid there are more to come.

It is important to remember that when joining the U.S. Armed Forces, our sons and daughters swear an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, not the missions of the United Nations. We owe them the privilege of serving their nation in that way.

4. American troops captured during peacekeeping should be given POW status and afforded all the protections of the Geneva Conventions.

Every time our GIs set foot on foreign soil for peacekeeping duty, be it in Somalia, Bosnia, Lebanon or the West Bank, they leave their safety in a policy vacuum.

According to current Defense Department (DoD) policy, U.S. servi-

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SHOULD CONGRESS SUPPORT CLINTON'S HEALTH PLAN?

Rep. Lucien E. Blackwell, (D-Pennsylvania)

The spiraling cost of routine care, preventive care, prescription drugs and long-term care has forced many families to choose between buying food and seeing a doctor, or between caring for themselves and paying the rent. Clearly, change is needed.

YES



On Sept. 22, 1993, President Clinton outlined six principles that are at the center of a plan to produce a major overhaul of America's health-care system. The principles are: security of coverage; simplicity; savings; choice; quality; and responsibility.

With security of coverage, health insurance would be "permanent" and "portable." No citizen would lose insurance after a job change or loss, and no one would be denied treatment because of pre-existing conditions.

Simplicity would usher in a single billing form for the more than 1,500 insurers in America and a health-care card, thereby reducing paperwork and streamlining the system.

Savings will result from capped insurance premiums. In addition, Medicare, Medicaid and other federal spending will be capped. There will also be limited malpractice and antitrust reform. To ensure choice, individuals will be grouped into some 200 regional health alliances, with the freedom to choose from health plans within each alliance. Individuals could also stay with their present doctors.

Quality will be promoted through government standards for health care and report cards for enlightened consumer choice.

The responsibility for health care will rest largely with employers, who will be required to pay 80 percent of their employees' insurance premium. Premiums for the self-employed will be 100 percent tax deductible, as compared to the current 25 percent deduction.

Under the Clinton plan, the federal government would subsidize insurance for low-income workers and the unemployed. All U.S. citizens and legal aliens will be covered by 1997. Medicare and Medicaid will remain separate. The plan seeks to respond to the intolerable situation that has left 37 million Americans uninsured. While the federal government will spend a total of \$350 billion on the plan between 1995 and 2000, savings under the plan will total \$441 billion. The \$91 billion surplus will go to deficit reduction.

This is an idea whose time has come. ☐

Rep. Jim Cooper, (D-Tennessee)



NO

Americans have been debating different ways to improve our health-care system since the days of Harry Truman. Finally, a bipartisan consensus is emerging around a simple idea: Let's put the customer first.

Basically, "managed competition" changes the system so that it works for us instead of against us. The Clinton administration's plan is a managed competition system, but with heavy bureaucracy and price controls which upset the workings of the free market. I've introduced my own plan that does not put extra burdens on small business and does not let the government control prices.

Neither the Clinton plan nor the bill I've introduced in Congress would affect the VA medical system. Many other features are similar, including simpler paperwork, real choices of health plans and prohibiting health plans from denying coverage for people currently suffering illness.

But the differences between my "pure" managed competition plan and the Clinton administration's are big, and much of the debate in the coming year will focus on:

- **Employer mandates.** Under the Clinton plan, all businesses would be required to pay for health insurance. If a small business couldn't afford this, some folks might lose their jobs.

My bill rewards companies which pay for health benefits with tax incentives and avoids punishing companies which can't provide health coverage. There's no mandate on employers.

- **Price controls.** The administration's plan allows regional health alliances to impose price controls which could eventually limit consumer's choices. My bill allows the free market to give consumers health-care choices.

- **Costs.** My bill costs about \$25 billion a year compared with about \$200 billion a year for the Clinton plan.

My bill has already attracted both Democratic and Republican co-sponsors as well as support from many business groups.

Managed competition empowers Americans to shop wisely for health care. Many Democrats, Republicans and

others have agreed this is the best way to cut health-care costs and to expand access to care while enhancing the generally high quality of America's health care. ☐

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'Nam Scandal Brews

Smelling blood, reporters and congressional Republicans have expanded their investigations of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown's alleged role in a plot to recognize Vietnam. The key charge, first publicized by a controversial right-wing newspaper, *The Spotlight*, is that Brown sought \$700,000 for his role in the evolving Clinton policy of normalizing relations with Hanoi.

If true, this represents "pure, unadulterated greed" by a government official, one Washington reporter observed.

Brown is a former high-powered Washington lobbyist whose clients included the notorious Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier of Haiti. Mounting coverage by the rest of the Washington press virtually guarantees a series of congressional hearings into Brown's role in the Clinton administration deliberations on the Vietnam issue, regardless of whether an indictment is returned by a grand jury.

In return for the money, Brown allegedly promised: to get the administration to end opposition to International Monetary Fund (IMF) loans to Vietnam; to lift the trade embargo; to seek normalized diplomatic relations with Hanoi; and to obtain Most Favored Nation trade status for Hanoi. Step one was taken, and step two was partially accomplished when Clinton allowed U.S. companies to compete for IMF loans to Vietnam.

Brown's accuser, a Vietnamese-American businessman, Ly Thanh Binh, reportedly passed a lie detector test.

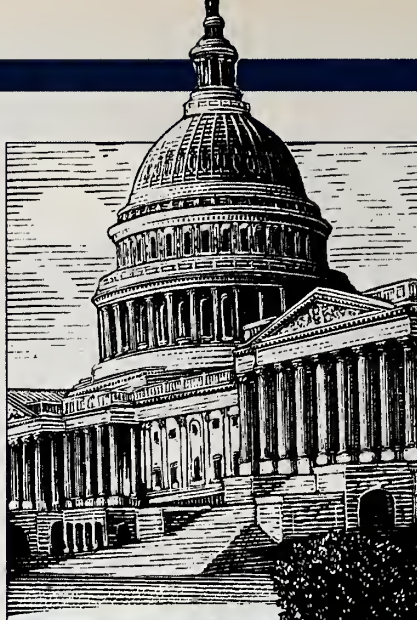
At first, Brown said through a spokesman that he didn't recall meeting with a Vietnamese businessman involved in the alleged bribery scheme. Later, Brown acknowledged meeting with him three times, but not about business.

Observers say Brown's deception has convinced reporters and congressional conservatives alike to dig even deeper.

More U.N. Blunders

The United Nations, hit hard by charges of financial corruption from

Washington-based Cliff Kincaid writes for Human Events and other publications.



WASHINGTON WATCH

By Cliff Kincaid

the London *Sunday Times* and CBS's *60 Minutes*, is reeling from another scandal. The U.N. Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) voted to give special "consultative" status to the International Lesbian and Gay Association, a group that endorses pedophilia and includes among its members the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA). Some in Congress say they'll cut funds to ECOSOC. But U.S. officials at the U.N. insist they didn't know of the NAMBLA connection and are looking for ways to disassociate themselves.

Peace Plan

The Palestinian revolt was out of control and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was bankrupt. These are the behind-the-scenes reasons being offered to explain the Palestinian self-rule plan agreed to by the PLO and Israel.

The secret to the plan, all sides agree, lies in the PLO suppressing the growing forces of radical, Iranian-sponsored Islamic extremist groups such as Hamas.

But not everybody favors the deal. Americans for a Safe Israel (AFSI) vigorously opposes it, saying the territory Israel is giving up is critical to its security. Others oppose it because of

the cost to the United States in money and possibly lives. U.S. aid to the Palestinians could reach one billion dollars.

If Israel surrenders the Golan Heights to Syria as part of a larger settlement, U.S. troops could be deployed there for as long as 15 years, according to one Israeli cabinet official. Dr. Irving Moskowitz, in an AFSI briefing paper, asks, "How will Americans react when U.S. troops in the Golan are attacked by the same fanatical anti-American Hezbollah terrorists who attacked them in nearby Lebanon not so long ago?"

Republican Turmoil

As predicted in this column, congressional Republicans are anything but united in their opposition to the Clinton health plan. But nobody expected it to get nasty.

Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, for example, denounced the Republican alternative introduced by Sen. John Chafee of Rhode Island and endorsed by Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas.

DeLay called the Republican plan "Hillary Light" because it also relies on mandatory health maintenance organizations. Also breaking with Dole and Chafee, Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas introduced his own plan offering medical savings accounts, malpractice reform and continued consumer choice.

Tough On Crime

A major effort for "truth in sentencing" laws is being launched on the national and state levels. The laws would ensure that convicts serve at least 85 percent of their sentences. Violent criminals today serve only about one-quarter of their sentences largely because of prison overcrowding.

The effort is being managed by former Justice Department lawyer Jim Wootton, president of the Safe Streets Alliance, in cooperation with the American Legislative Exchange Council, a group of state legislators from across the nation. The problem is that such laws necessitate a massive expansion of prison space to accommodate the increasing number of prisoners. Under "truth in sentencing" laws, the prison population could double to two million. □



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THIENSEN—Legion won't endorse plan until all details are spelled out.

Nat'l. Cmdr. Thiesen tells Congress that VA will have to compete for patients under Clinton's health-care plan.

PRESIDENT Clinton promised The American Legion that veterans would not suffer from a national health care plan," National Commander Bruce Thiesen told a joint hearing of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs committees. "But, what was most important, the President said that veterans would be partners in any plan that was developed. He has kept that promise."

Delivering the Legion's annual testimony in September, Thiesen said he realizes "VA can't survive by standing still." He noted that national health care

will force VA to improve its care and services to veterans who will have a choice between VA and other hospitals.

Speaking directly on the President's health-care proposal, Thiesen said he is "extremely encouraged" about the expected impact of the Clinton administration's health-care reforms on veterans. In fact, the Clinton plan draws heavily from the Legion's own health-care proposal, *An American Legion Proposal to Improve Veterans Health Care* (see box on Page 18), which was the first comprehensive veterans health-care plan put before the administration by a major veterans group.

Thiesen stopped short of endorsing

the plan. He cautioned the veterans committees that while the President's plan would maintain an independent VA, there are still too many unanswered questions.

"Please don't think for a moment that the Legion will consent to buying a pig in a poke," Thiesen said. "We want to see all the details, and we are sure we will not agree with all of them."

Thiesen also briefed the committees on the Legion's suggestions for VA's Fiscal Year (FY) 1995 budget. Highlights of his testimony include:

VA BUDGET

For FY 1995, the VA medical care budget should be \$18.5 billion, a \$3 billion increase from the proposed FY 1994 budget. For VA to be competitive within a national health-care system, it must have this money to bolster its infrastructure and properly take care of veterans.

MEDICAL CARE

Medical and prosthetic research.

VA research should be funded at \$280 million for FY 1995, a \$28 million increase from the proposed FY 1994 budget of \$252 million. Over the past 45 years, VA research has contributed to successful heart and liver transplants and helped eliminate tuberculosis as a major public

health problem.

Medical school affiliation. VA must continue its associations with medical schools, which help recruit good doctors and improve the quality of care. Currently, 139 VA medical facilities are affiliated with 103 medical schools. More than half of all practicing physicians in the United States received part of their training at one of VA's 172 medical centers.

Eligibility and entitlement. All veterans should be able to receive VA treatment, both service-connected and nonservice-connected. Also, eligibility for VA health care should not be determined by the degree of service-connected disability.

Third-Party reimbursement. Medicare, Medicaid and other federal health-care subsidies must be considered third-party payers so they can reimburse VA for care provided to non-service-connected veterans.

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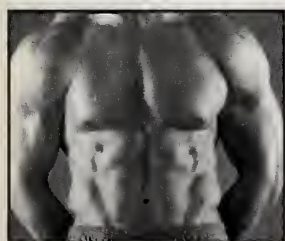
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LEADERS—From left, Nat'l. Cmdr. Thiesen, Rep. "Sonny" G.V. Montgomery and Otha D. Jackson of Post 138, Philadelphia, Miss., discuss the future of VA and health care for the nation's veterans and their families.

Nonservice-connected veterans. Nonservice-connected veterans should be allowed to receive VA medical care for a fee, based on their ability to pay.

Women veterans. There will be 1.3 million female veterans in the United States by 2000. VA needs to be ready to offer them a complete spectrum of medical care.

VETERANS BENEFITS

Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). VBA needs a minimum of 700 more Full-Time Employee Equivalents (FTEEs) in FY 1995. This will require an additional \$25 million in the VBA budget for FY 1995, increasing it to \$775 million from the FY 1994 figure of \$750 million.

National Cemetery System (NCS). To meet construction and renovation costs of cemeteries for FY 1995, the NCS needs \$78 million, an \$8 million increase from FY 1994's \$70 million.

GI Bill. A GI's cash contribution to participate in the GI Bill should be eliminated and the monthly benefit increased to \$777 from \$400. Reservists and National Guardsmen ordered to active duty for more than 90 consecutive days should be eligible for full education benefits.

Gulf war veterans. There needs to be a thorough epidemiological study of Desert Storm veterans as soon as possible to help isolate the cause of Desert Storm ailments.

Agent Orange. VA Secretary Jesse Brown should ensure that additional

Agent Orange studies are done to determine what illnesses are linked to exposure to the dioxin. VA should also

move to compensate all victims of Agent Orange as soon as possible.

EMPLOYMENT

Grants. Service organizations such as the Legion should be able to receive federal grants to train veterans separating from the military for civilian work. Currently, only employers are eligible.

Transition Assistance Program (TAP). Some money earmarked for TAP or Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP) training should be provided to the Small Business Administration's Office of Veterans Affairs. This office has been providing assistance to separating veterans long before the onset of TAP and DTAP and could bring much to the process.

CONSTRUCTION

VA major construction should get \$600 million annually for the rest of the 1990s. Minor construction should average no less than \$150 million annually through the end of the decade. □

CLINTON'S PROPOSAL TO REFORM VA

HERE'S how VA will change under President Clinton's health-care proposal. The list below was personally given to the Legion by Hillary Rodham Clinton, head of the President's Health Care Task Force, a few days before the President's health-care speech to the nation. Clinton's plan closely follows many of the Legion's ideas contained in *An American Legion Proposal to Improve Veterans Health Care*. Provisions in blue are those originally listed in the Legion's health-care proposal.

OVERVIEW

- No veteran will have fewer benefits than under current law and each may have more.
- VA will operate health plans for all veterans through various health alliances.
- VA will guarantee all standard benefits to veterans who choose a VA health plan.
- Service-connected and low-income veterans will not pay any cost for their care if they enroll in a VA plan.

- Service-connected and low-income veterans also will continue to receive free VA care for services such as long-term care and treatment for PTSD.

OTHER FEATURES

- VA role in national medical education and in research continues.
- VA continues to serve as backup to DoD in war.
- The VA Secretary has the option to include veterans' dependents in VA health plans.

FINANCING

- VA will receive premium payments for all enrollees from health alliances.
- High-income, nonservice-connected veterans will pay a cost share like other citizens.
- Medicare will reimburse VA for high-income, nonservice-connected veterans.
- Federal government appropriations will cover the remaining cost of all care for service-connected and low-income veterans.
- VA will retain all reimbursements from health alliances, Medicare and other plans. □

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HOLIDAY VOICES

FROM WORLD WAR II



THE TRIMMINGS—
Beside bullets and
butter, America
provided its troops
holiday trappings
to bring them
closer to home.

tells what her life was like when her husband went off to war.

When George boarded a train, it left me with three children under 5 years of age. Flashes of memories of those days include: on payday, \$120 a month, they got an ice cream cone; coffee, sugar rations; ration books; making children's clothing out of feed bags.

We lived on the second floor with a cook stove in the kitchen. We carried coal up, ashes down. Our telephone was on a party line, with maybe eight other families on the line. I planted a garden, tended it with a hoe and a garden plow and canned a lot of fruits and vegetables.

I remember taking my children to Christmas Eve service. What did we see but old Santa himself walking up the hill with a pack on his back. Did we believe in Santa?

You bet we did!

For Minnie R. Ragland of Cocoa Beach, Fla., Christmas during the war conjures memories of the kindness of a stranger who helped her get home for the holidays.

It happened in Buffalo, N.Y., on Dec. 22, 1943. Military orders had ended togetherness for my husband and me. He was off to fly The Hump.

From the cab at the station, I stepped into a desperate sea of humanity clamoring to board the incoming train. The minute it stopped the screaming throng wildly stamped the protesting trainman.

Down the track, a curious pullman conductor leaned out. I dashed toward him and in tearful terror pleading to get on. His look softened and he reached for my hand. Once aboard, he unlocked the ladies' room and hurried me inside.

"Stay until I come for you."

I mopped my tears, the train moved and I breathed easier. Eventually, my kind conductor returned, ushered me to a seat and wrote out a ticket for an upper berth.

How I wanted to hug him. I would be home for Christmas!

Jack Smith of Dallas, Texas, didn't
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The men, women and children of the war years vividly recall their holiday memories in the heartfelt new book, *Voices: Letters from World War II*.

OF ALL the holiday seasons celebrated by America's senior generation, few are remembered more than those of World War II. Below are selections from a new book, *Voices: Letters From World War II*, in which GIs and their families recall how war and the spirit of Christmas met.

One housewife and mother who contributed her memories to the book, Mary B. Lashley of Hagerstown, Md.,

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A GI CHRISTMAS



MEMORIES—
What WWII veteran will ever forget those Christmases shared with his buddies in some far-off land or lonely ship.

make it home for Christmas in 1944. He was a machine gunner with the 101st Airborne Division near Foy and Bastogne, Belgium.

I remember Captain Cann reading a small Bible on Christmas Day, also these men all killed in action:

1st Lt. Lyle C. Fenton, Pvt. Glenn L. Knerr, 2nd Lt. Sherman N. Sutherland, Pfc. Leonard E. Lundquist, 2nd Lt. Roger L. Tinsley, Pvt. Patrick H. Neill, Pvt. Harvey A. Cross, Pvt. John R. Osborne, Pvt. Clarence E. Ishler, Pvt. Claire M. Peterson, Pvt. Thomas A. Knapp, Cpl. Hubert Reasor and Pvt. James R. Sowards Jr, my closest buddy; Staff Sgt. Darvin Lee who saved my life; and finally K.P. Smith who was with me all the way.

And for Ross K. Rasmussen of Hot Springs, Ark., and his buddies in Europe during Christmas 1944, peace on earth and goodwill toward men was noticeably absent.

On Christmas Eve in the wintry Ardennes of Belgium, K Co., 290th Inf., 75th Div., was attacked.

We had no preliminary combat seasoning, but were rushed forward to help stop the German advance. After a long, difficult march, we received orders to attack immediately. We accepted our destiny as only the infantry can.

Our rifle squads and machine-gun and mortar sections had only standard

issue amounts of ammunition. Some rifle squad members had only one clip. After two rounds of artillery cover-fire, we made our attack over an open

field, slanting upward toward a German-held woods line.

The rifle platoon took the first casualties, followed by the machine-gun squads. The mortar section fired

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everything they had, then waited in the cold, in the moonlight, as over 50 percent of K Co. was dissolved.

Duty. Honor. Country.

Although it wasn't the usual White Christmas that Stan W. Carlson had come to expect in Minneapolis, he found out the indomitable Christmas spirit was still prevalent in the steamy jungles of New Guinea.

There was little promise of a pleas-

ant Yule until we decided to do our best to celebrate this great event.

We asked our colonel to cease combat patrols for Christmas and maintain only the necessary guard, and he agreed.

Both officers and enlisted men contributed food from home to provide a festive table and our cooks baked enough bread for two slices apiece. We had Spam and sardines, fruit including peaches and pineapple, and the well-known battery acid—lemonade. Our chefs also baked a huge decorated cake, and we had nuts and candy.

AFTER the meal, we sang Christmas songs accompanied by the chaplain's wheezy organ and as dusk approached, we perched on coconut log seats to watch a movie in our theater.

The Navy men from the ship in the harbor were invited and when it was dark, we had a real surprise. The sailors had strung lights—all blue bulbs—to outline their ship. In the darkness, the ship was a thing of beauty.

For a few brief hours, the war had seemed far away and we knew the true meaning of peace on earth, goodwill toward men.

William Wilson of Livingston Manor, N.Y., still remembers how people of all walks of life stood side by side to celebrate the holiness of the event during the Christmas he spent in Great Britain.

"It came upon a midnight clear..."

The words echoed as a bright moon illuminated the English countryside. Voices and the sounds of plodding feet could be heard as the men made their way to the airbase chapel and base theater. A Catholic chaplain from the hills of Pennsylvania was starting Mass inside while three English youngsters stood before the Christmas crib, their faces wreathed in smiles, despite the tragedies of war they had endured.

Two soldiers of Jewish faith played the organ and violin, as they would for Protestant services later that day.

The congregation knelt in prayer—a soldier whose family was devout Irish from Boston, a youngster from a Nebraska farm next to him, and close by, a man who always deeply im-

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A GI CHRISTMAS

GIVING HOPE IN SOMALIA

For the U.S. troops serving in blight-stricken Africa, the season of peace and goodwill would be one they would not soon forget.

By Gidget Fuentes

IT WASN'T the flawless, beautiful Christmas tree you would see in Macy's or any other store window, but somehow it stood proudly at attention in the dusty warehouse that had been converted to a barracks.

The tree, which looked more like a plastic bush, had been crowned with a silver star. Hung on its branches was a collection of makeshift ornaments, including several green matchbooks and tiny Tabasco bottles.

The tree wouldn't have won any beauty contest, but it didn't matter much to its decorators, Marine Lance Corporal Steve Osborne and Private First Class Jon Curtis. To them and the more than 15,000 American soldiers and Marines sent to Somalia dur-



ing Operation Restore Hope last year, this shabby old tree was the indomitable spirit of Christmas.

American GIs have always made the best out of their often meager existence, whether in the desert sun of Mogadishu or in the frozen slopes of the Chosin Reservoir. In Somalia, more than 8,000 miles away from home and loved ones, U.S. troops sprouted dozens of Christmas trees in camps throughout Mogadishu, the outlying villages of Bardera, Baidoa and Bale Dogle, and neighboring Kenya.

Most were native bushes, looking like Charlie Brown's Christmas tree, but all were bedecked with GI imagination: green and white Chicklet gum from MREs (Meals, Ready-to-Eat rations issued to U.S. troops), beige coffee creamer packets, dog tags, aluminum soda cans, plastic spoons, creative cardboard cards scrawled with GI greetings and holiday messages to those back home, and those ubiquitous Tabasco bottles.



LIGHT BRIGADE—
U.S. troops in Operation Restore Hope celebrate midnight Mass in a hangar in Mombasa, Kenya.

The make-do spirit of Christmas was everywhere. Members of a U.S. Air Force crew topped off their blue flight suits with red Santa hats. With temperatures reaching 105 degrees, 3,000 GIs at the Mogadishu seaport received a Christmas Day hot meal of chicken, peas, potatoes and cake with strawberries. Without a gripe about the lack of silverware, a Marine detachment at the airport used the bed of a 5-ton truck as a dinner table to devour the meal in no time flat. And a spirited group of GIs serenaded Mogadishu residents with Christmas songs.

IN MOMBASA, the coastal port city of Kenya that was the base camp for Operation Restore Hope, we celebrated midnight Mass in a hangar. The scene was somewhat surreal. There were rows of metal folding chairs and the chaplain said mass on an altar of boxes draped in cloth. There was no organ, no choir—just our voices singing along to a cassette recorder

A reporter for Navy Times, Gidget Fuentes covered the Marine operations in Somalia during the holiday season last year.



playing "Silent Night."

For U.S. troops on land and sailors at sea, this season of goodwill and peace toward men would be one they would not soon forget. For they were there on a mission of mercy.

Marine Cpl. Rodney Stidham was resting near his assault vehicle after driving in a convoy that brought food and supplies to the inland town of Baidoa. "It makes you feel proud," he said. "It makes you feel like you're doing something positive."

Another Marine, Cpl. Garland Burke, saw the hope and appreciation in the faces of Somali women and children as they stood barefooted along the dusty roads watching the Marine trucks of food roll by. "It makes you feel fortunate," he said. "We take things for granted, things that they don't have."

During Christmas in Somalia, these young Americans who were trained to kill in war were here to give hope and keep peace. □



YULE TREE—
Marines at the hangar at the Mogadishu airport in Somalia decorated this tree with MRE goodies.

THE COMING BOOM IN LATIN AMERICA

By Elliott Abrams

IT IS an American habit to look east across the Atlantic when we think of foreign affairs. World Wars I and II, and the Cold War as well, were struggles for control of the European continent, and we have had hundreds of thousands of troops stationed in Europe

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continuously since the 1940s.

With the Cold War behind us, it may be time to ask: Is Europe still the most important place in the world for us? Should we be paying more attention to Argentina and Mexico than to Serbia and Slovakia? Do our interests now lie more in our own hemisphere?

The thought behind that question is nothing new. From the founding of the republic down to World War I, there was a consensus that our greatest economic and political interests lay in this hemisphere. The Monroe Doctrine held that whatever our interests around the globe, "with movements in this hemisphere we are of necessity more immediately connected," and that view was very widely accepted in the United States. A secure southern border and control of the Caribbean were among

the earliest American foreign policy goals.

Since World War II, American economic interests in Latin America have been outpaced by those in Europe and East Asia. We got to believe that Japan and the European Community were invincible.

TODAY, we know better. Japanese property, stock markets and investments overseas have fallen substantially. In Western Europe, economic and political integration looks increasingly like a dream; 1992 was supposed to be the year in which this vision was realized, but instead it was a year of war in Yugoslavia.

For the longer run, demography tells a cautionary tale about the prospects of Japanese and European power and

Where democracy succeeds, is economic growth close behind? Yes, says Latin America, which is on the verge of revolutionary economic expansion.

control and toward the free market. The last decade has seen "profound political and economic changes. . . [that] could lay the foundation for future growth," the World Bank concluded in its 1991 annual report.

The numbers tell the story. The overall downtrend of the 1980s has ended. The region's economies grew 3.5 percent in 1991 and 2.8 percent in 1992. Latin trade with the rest of the world is rising fast, as is foreign investment in the region.

What about the debt crisis that was crippling Latin economic progress? The Latin debt is enormous, but it is now falling, rather than climbing. In Mexico, foreign debt equaled 58 percent of gross national product in 1986, but only 24 percent by the end of 1992. As former Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul Volcker has said, "The great Latin American debt crisis is no longer a crisis."

The potential of Latin America as a market for American goods is very large—and those markets mean jobs in the United States. American investors and exporters have advantages of history and geography that translate into economic benefits.

Latin America is our market. Out of every dollar of goods the Latins buy from industrialized countries, 11 cents go to the Japanese, 29 cents to the Europeans and a hefty 57 cents to American companies.

But these aren't cents, they're billions. Latin American and Caribbean countries spent \$63.4 billion on American-made products in 1991,

a whopping one-year increase of 17 percent from 1990's \$53.8 billion figure. In 1992, U.S. exports to Latin America were up another 20 percent, to \$75.8 billion.

According to the U.S. government, the Latin American and Caribbean market now is "the fastest growing regional market for U.S. exports." And those sales won't slow down. The current Latin population of 430 million is expected to rise by 75 percent to 750 million by 2025. That is a tremendous opportunity for American business.

Of all the Latin countries, the one with the greatest impact on the United

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MARKET ABLE— A McDonald's in Mexico City takes advantage of the fastest-growing market for U.S. exports. Out of every dollar of goods Latin Americans buy from industrialized countries, a hefty 57 cents goes to American companies.



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prosperity. Japan is the most rapidly aging country in the world and by 2010 will have the highest percentage of population over 65 of all the leading industrialized countries.

The West Europeans not only face the problem of aging populations, they must also brace for the arrival of large numbers of eastern European refugees from the collapsed Soviet empire and even larger numbers who might want to emigrate from the Islamic world.

Let us examine conditions in our own hemisphere. In Latin America, there are no border wars, no wars of secession, no religious wars. There are no great waves of refugees. Instead,

there is a great tidal wave of democracy moving the region from 90 percent dictatorships in 1980 to 90 percent democracies today. The military rulers are gone in Central and South America, and Fidel Castro's communist dictatorship is increasingly isolated.

And in economic policy, Latins have seen "Big Government" not only fail to deliver on its promises, but also threaten both prosperity and freedom. They have watched the failure of communist Europe, and compared the success of East Asia.

In nearly every country in Latin America, there have been deep economic policy changes away from state

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STOP PULLING AMERICA

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One of America's leading historians warns that multiculturalist extremists are cracking the melting pot when they push for separation instead of assimilation.

UNDER ATTACK today is that noble image of America as the great melting pot where people of many races are forged into individuals with common pursuits. Perhaps even more startling is that the attack is coming from an unexpected quarter: members of minority races who increasingly oppose assimilation and integration.

Nowhere are the battle lines more clearly drawn than in the schools. In Portland, Ore., for instance, black students are taught in "Afrocentric" studies that Africans discovered America before Columbus and that the German composer Beethoven was "Afro-European."

In Los Angeles, students from Spanish-speaking homes are taught in bilingual classes where the primary language of instruction is Spanish, not English. Many other schools across the country are offering multicultural programs that segregate students by race or ethnicity.

Are these programs designed to heighten self-esteem working? An emphatic "no," says historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., a special adviser to President John F. Kennedy. He contends they not only fail, but they also strike at the very roots of the nation.

In this interview with *THE AMERICAN LEGION* magazine, Schlesinger, winner of two Pulitzer Prizes and author of *The Disuniting of America*, warns against attempts to divide the United States into distinct racial and ethnic communities.

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE: When you were in JFK's New Frontier, could you have imagined writing a book like *The Disuniting of America*?

ARTHUR M. SCHLESINGER JR.: It would have come as a surprise. In the early '60s, the ideas of the melting pot—of assimilation and integration—were still regard-

ed as noble objectives. Today, multicultural ideologues have turned against the melting pot.

Their underlying philosophy is that America is not a nation of individuals at all, but a nation of distinct, separated groups and that ethnicity is the defining experience for most Americans. Their goal is a nation of minorities less interested in joining with the majority in common pursuits than in declaiming their alienation from what they portray as an oppressive, racist, Anglo-Saxon society.

The cult of ethnicity in its more extreme forms reverses the historic theory of America as one people that has thus far managed to keep American society whole. It fosters separatism, exaggerates differences, intensifies antagonisms and drives ever deeper the awful wedges between races and nationalities. That is very troubling.

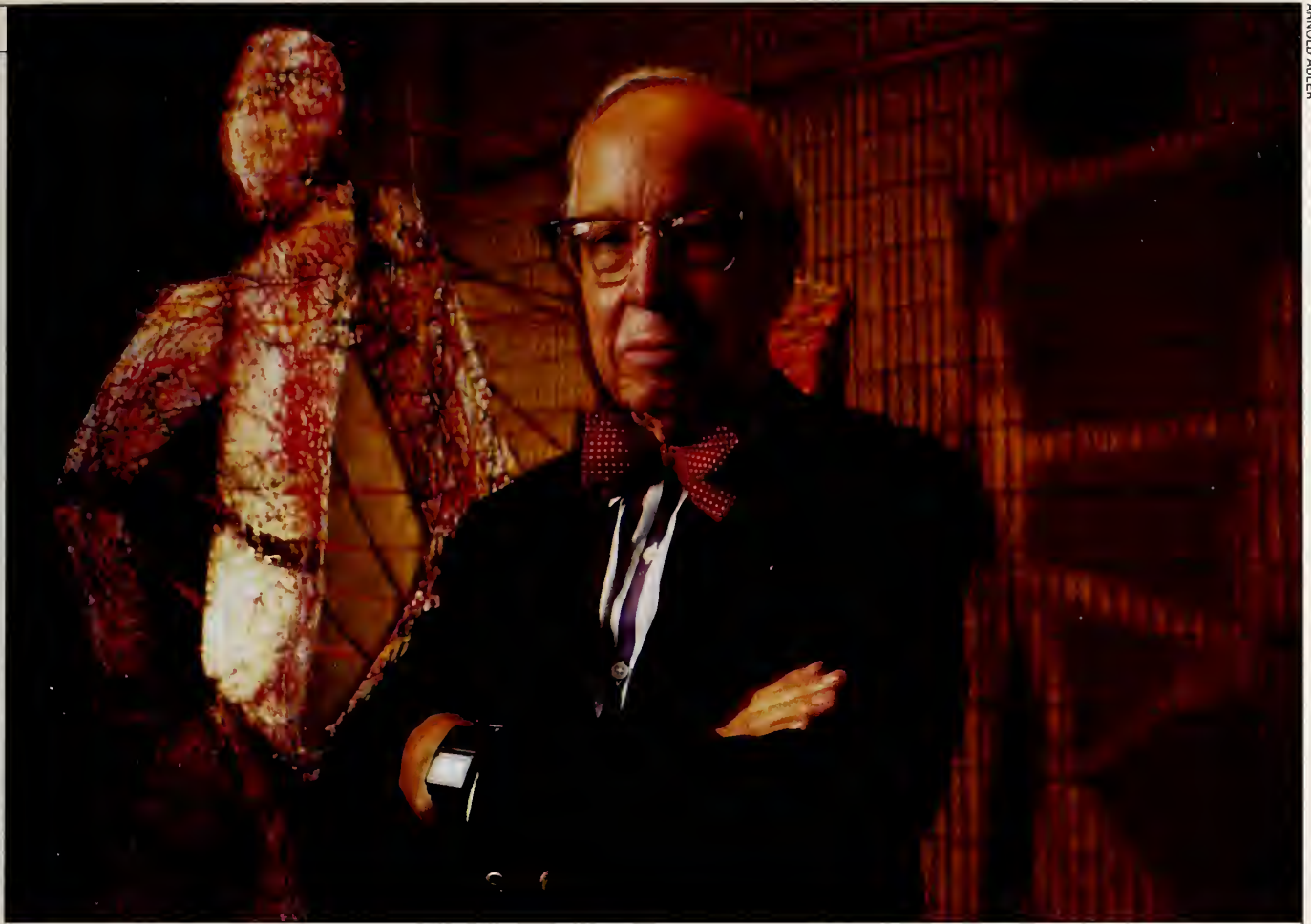
Q. Isn't this melting pot exactly what our Founders envisioned when they sought to create a unique American culture?

A. The point of America has not been to preserve old cultures, but to forge a new, American culture. That does not mean individuals cannot treasure their own cuisines, customs, festivals and so on, like St. Patrick's Day. That, in fact, adds to the richness of American life.

No harm is done when an ethnic group displays pride in its historic past or its contribution to the American present. But, from the beginning, America was seen as a severing of roots and an interweaving of separate ethnic strands into a new national design, a melting pot. That idea is what the ideologues reject.

Q. Where is the impact of multiculturalism most harmful?

A. In no arena is the rejection of an overriding national identity more crucial than in our educational system.



After all, our schools train the citizens of the future. Historically, they have been the great agency for converting newcomers into Americans.

But multicultural ideologues now say that traditional education injured people by undermining their self-esteem and depriving them of role models from their own ethnic minorities. They say instead that schools should emphasize the separateness of each group, and each group should be taught its own peculiar traditions.

But that is not the task of the public schools. Their task isn't to perpetuate separatism, but to show kids what they hold in common as Americans.

Q. Are you talking about the so-called Afrocentric curricula such as the one used in Portland, Ore.?

A. The advocates for Afrocentric curricula argue that existing curricula are "Eurocentric" and that they denigrate black values and achievements. The antidote, they argue, is to teach Afrocentric curricula which purport to show that everything good came out of Africa and everything evil came out of Europe. Of course, the truth is otherwise.

All cultures have been amalgamations of good and evil. And the fact remains that the great liberating ideas—democracy, self-governance, individual rights, religious tolerance and the abolition of slavery—are all uniquely European in origin. Today, those ideals empower peoples of all cultures and continents.

Why should anyone suppose that teaching the Western
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Arthur Schlesinger On...

Multicultural extremists: *"They exaggerate differences and intensify antagonisms, driving ever deeper the awful wedges between races and nationalities."*

Bilingual education: *"It promotes segregation, nourishes racial antagonisms and shuts doors on students."*

Afrocentric education: *"If some Ku Klux Klan kleeagle wanted to handicap blacks, he would not be likely to come up with anything more diabolically effective than Afrocentrism."*

Racism: *"Racism is the great failure in American history. Assimilation is a two-way street, and the primary responsibility for failure lies with the complacent majority."*

ON THE MARCH

FROM NORTH AFRICA TO ROME, AMERICAN

GROUND FORCES CAME FULLY OF AGE.



WORLD WAR II:

THE WAR YEARS

THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine's series of special annual articles commemorating the 50th anniversary of World War II continues with this review of 1943, the turning point of the war. Next December, we will cover 1944, and in September 1995 we will review 1945, including the end of the war and a look ahead to the post-war and Cold War eras.

In addition, the magazine is publishing a series of individual articles throughout the 50th anniversary period that spotlight major events of the war, "World War II: Battle Reports".

These articles honor those who served, fought and died. Their courage, resolve and sacrifice will always be remembered.

—The Editors

HAND TINTING BY PETRA DAVIS

By Rick Hampson

AT THE beginning of 1943, the middle year of World War II, the outcome hung in the balance in every major theater of battle. But the Allies, who had been falling back almost everywhere a year earlier, now were on the march in the Pacific, North Africa and eastern Europe, on the seas and in the skies and on the home front. All roads, it seemed, now led to Rome—and to Berlin and Tokyo.

By January, Hitler's threat to England had been neutralized, and Soviet armies were encircling more than 200,000 troops of the German Sixth Army at Stalingrad. In the central Pacific, the United States was in control after the battle of Midway in June. Meanwhile, armies under Gen. Douglas MacArthur were fighting across

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New Guinea, and amphibious forces commanded by Adm. Chester Nimitz were leapfrogging from island to island, moving ever closer to Japan.

At home, Americans were getting used to rationing and shortages. Although some factories still were not up to speed, industry was halfway down the road to what War Production Board chief, Donald Nelson, would call "a production miracle."

The Allies' greatest early success came in North Africa where, by the end of 1942, Axis rule was fading fast. British troops under Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery pushed the Afrika Korps of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel steadily westward across the sands from Egypt—and toward an Anglo-American force moving slowly east under Dwight Eisenhower, a 52-year-old U.S. lieutenant general.

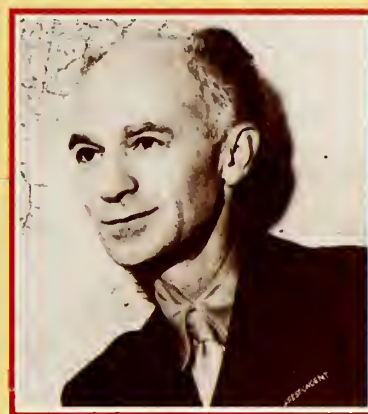
The first British-American summit on liberated territory began Jan. 14 at Casablanca, where Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin D. Roosevelt had their third meeting of the war.

The Americans wanted to continue their buildup in Great Britain for a
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SEA TO LAND—Top, infantrymen train for amphibious assaults. Bottom, GIs fight house to house to win Bizerte, Tunisia.



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ERNIE PYLE **THE GI'S STORY**

ERNIE PYLE, America's most famous war correspondent, wasn't looking for heroes to write about. Instead, he filled his newspaper columns with what the ordinary GI thought and felt, saw and heard, ate and drank.

He developed his style of writing in North Africa one day when he and a soldier jumped into a ditch to avoid strafing. After the plane had passed, he turned to the soldier and said, "That was close, eh?" The man was dead.

Dazed, Pyle wandered off to a military briefing. But he wrote his story that day about the soldier who had died next to him, not the battle. He had discovered his point of view — that of the dog-face — and it won him a Pulitzer Prize in 1943.

"I was at the foot of the mule train the night they brought Capt. Waskow's body down," he wrote from the mountains of Italy in the grim winter of 1944. "Dead men had been coming down the mountain all evening, lashed onto the backs of mules. They came lying belly-down across the wooden packsaddles, their heads hanging down on the left side of the mule, their stiffened legs sticking out awkwardly from the other side, bobbing up and down as the mules walked.... You feel small in the presence of dead men, and ashamed at being alive...."

That was how he wrote, and that, in 1945, was how he died: shot to death in a foxhole on tiny Ie Island, west of Okinawa. □

cross-channel invasion of Europe; the British wanted to attack Hitler's "Fortress Europe" from the south. Eventually, they compromised.

The biggest news of the conference came from Roosevelt, who announced—almost as an afterthought, it seemed—that the Allies would insist on "the unconditional surrender of Germany, Italy and Japan." Churchill later wrote that he was taken by surprise, and critics of the policy argued that it would impel the Axis to fight harder and longer.

But the U.S. demand for unconditional surrender was not without purpose, for the Americans believed such a declaration was needed to reassure

line, the II Corps area under U.S. Major Gen. Lloyd Fredendall. The Americans fell back.

A week later, at the Kasserine Pass in Tunisia's Dorsal Mountains, the U.S. Army lost its first major battle of the war. More than 1,000 American soldiers were killed, and hundreds taken prisoners. German tanks easily defeated their American counterparts; the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Armored Regiment lost 46 of 50 tanks.

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Stalin. Their suspicious, yet vital, Soviet ally feared that Britain and the United States would strike a separate Western Front peace with Hitler, leaving Stalin and his troops at the mercy of concentrated Nazi might.

As the conference ended, North Africa was falling to the Allies. On Jan. 23, the British took Tripoli, a Libyan city on the Mediterranean. By early February, Rommel had retreated west across the border of Tunisia, where he decided to strike the British and American units to the west before they grew any stronger. He wanted to split the Allied line in half and drive on to the Mediterranean port of Bone for additional supplies. But above all, he wanted to test the green American troops.

It was a bold plan, and it almost worked. On Valentine's Day, scores of German tanks quickly penetrated the southern end of the Allied western

ALLIES ATTACK—

Above, in Italy, American GIs take the beaches of Salerno. Right, a church in Acerno bears the wounds of war. Far right, Sicilians joyfully greet U.S. troops liberating Messina.

The Germans broke through the pass and raced toward the Mediterranean, threatening to cut Allied forces in two. But American and British reinforcements were hurled into the breach, as the 9th Infantry Division dug in with 105mm howitzers and halted the German advance





For the Allies, the long road to Berlin began with 1943's victories against the fascist forces in Africa and Italy.

came from the British 1st Army and 11 Corps. In a crucial battle with the Germans, the Americans captured Hill 609. "Ike" later called it "final proof that American ground forces had come fully of age." The Mediterranean port cities of Bizerte and Tunis both fell on May 7.

Five days later, the last Axis forces in North Africa surrendered. What Churchill called the Axis' "soft underbelly"—southern Europe—was exposed.

The Americans had redeemed themselves. The 1st and 34th infantry battalions and the 1st Armored Division triumphed under the most trying conditions as they fought their way down the Tunisian mountains toward



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after a daylong battle. Three days after he had gone through the pass, Rommel retreated through it—with a new respect for American men and hardware.

Eisenhower, frustrated with the American performance at Kasserine Pass, replaced Fredendall with Maj. Gen. George S. Patton. On March 16, Patton attacked, after telling his commanders the night before, "If we are not victorious, let no one come back alive." Patton moved east and met Montgomery, who—having repulsed a Rommel counterattack on March 6—had pushed the Germans back against the Mediterranean.

The knockout blow

the sea. They subsisted on cold rations and slept on cold ground. They crawled along paths fit only for goats, and they took hill after hill, sometimes in hand-to-hand combat. Finally they reached the Mediterranean, and the doubts raised at Kasserine Pass were dismissed.

When it was launched on July 10, the Allied move on Sicily—code named "Husky"—became the largest invasion in military history. It was hardly the best executed, however. Eisenhower had been appointed Supreme Allied Commander, but even his talents were strained by an amphibious operation that stretched across 500 miles and involved numerous units from two nations.

The island's Italian defenders seemed to have little taste left for the war, and Patton's Seventh Army and Montgomery's British Eighth Army

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ISLAND HOPPING IN THE PACIFIC

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IN THE Pacific, 1943 began with a hard won victory. Emperor Hirohito finally gave Japanese commanders permission to evacuate Guadalcanal, formally ending a bloody, five-month battle that had given Americans a taste of trials to come as they fought their way toward Japan.

As Adm. Chester Nimitz prepared to advance across the central Pacific, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces were moving north from Australia, planning to take or cut off Japanese positions en route to the Philippines and to the general's rendezvous with destiny.

But first MacArthur's troops had to fight their way across an equatorial hell known as New Guinea, a vast island with 16,000-foot mountains, Stone Age cannibals and some of the thickest jungles on the planet. Starting

from the south, American and Australian troops hacked their way north toward the coastal village of Buna. MacArthur's orders to Lt. Gen. Robert Eichelberger were simple: "Take Buna or don't come back alive." Eichelberger took Buna and neighboring Gona after 32 days and more than 8,000 Allied casualties. He then moved along northeastern New Guinea to take Lae, Nadzab and Finschhafen.

On March 1, the Allies spotted a convoy of 16 Japanese ships from the stronghold of Rabaul, New Britain, steaming toward Lae with reinforcements for Japanese garrisons on New Guinea. The Battle of the Bismark Sea had begun. The following morning land-based U.S. B-17 bombers attacked the convoy, sinking a transport, and other American and Australian warplanes later sunk four destroyers.

The battle was an important Allied victory, but it later became known primarily for the sinking of PT-109, commanded by a future President, Lt. John F. Kennedy. After a Japanese destroy-



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AIMING FOR VICTORY—A PT boat marksman draws a bead along the New Guinea Coast.



ARMED & ABLE—

In places like Tarawa, above, and Bougainville, upper right, GIs turned the tide against the Axis.

er sliced into his boat during a night patrol, Kennedy swam to a nearby island, towing an injured shipmate with him. The crew eventually was rescued after a coast watcher alerted the boat's base.

Allied control of sea and air allowed MacArthur to sweep along New Guinea's north coast to deprive Japanese strongholds of reinforcements and supplies. Thousands of Japanese died of disease and starvation. Meanwhile, the advancing Allies enhanced their air power by building more air strips. By the end of the year they held most of eastern New Guinea, and the Japanese threat to Australia had been eliminated.

The next target was New Georgia, the site of a large Japanese airfield, which the Allies saw as a potential staging base for an assault on Rabaul. The first in a series of amphibious landings began June 21, when Marines took a big coastal gun at the south end of the island. The main landings came nine days later when Marines and

Army troops went ashore on Rendova Island, across from

the Japanese air base at Munda Point. On July 5, the 43rd Infantry Division landed. Aided by Marine air squadrons based on Guadalcanal, the Americans overcame fierce Japanese resistance. The Munda airfield fell Aug. 5, and American and New Zealand forces took a garrison at Vella Levella Island 10 days later.

Next came Bougainville, largest of the Solomon Islands. From bases there, Allied fighters would be able to escort bombers to Rabaul. Although MacArthur wanted to storm Rabaul, U.S. military planners in Washington — fearful of the losses such an attack might entail — favored neutralizing the base with continual bombing. Their plan was upheld by Roosevelt and Churchill at the Allies' conference at Quebec.

On Nov. 1, the 1st Marine Division under Lt. Gen. A.A. Vandegrift hit the

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China-Burma-India

THE AMERICAN experience in the China-Burma-India theater ended much as it began — as a standoff.

By 1941, Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek had retreated west to Chungking. In early 1942, the Japanese cut the Burma Road, Chiang's supply route to the south. To keep American aid coming, he accepted U.S. Gen. Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell as his chief of staff.

Stilwell wanted to fight the Japanese, but Chiang was just as concerned with Mao Tse-tung's communists to the north. He believed they would be in China when the Japanese and Americans were gone, and was wary of expending men and supplies

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FLYING TIGERS—P-40B Tomahawks protected cargo carriers flying The Hump.



AT HOME, THE NATION DELIVERS THE GOODS

HARD WORK AND

RATIONING MADE

AMERICA THE

'ARSENAL OF

DEMOCRACY.'

FEAR of enemy invasion or attack had faded on the home front by the beginning of 1943, but the demands of winning a war were transforming America into something almost as exotic as the places where the soldiers were fighting.

The paradoxes were striking: People had more money, but there was less to buy; the government controlled everything from war news to skirt lengths, but blacks, women and many other citizens enjoyed unprecedented freedom. And a nation with an unabashed love of the road was saddled with a national speed limit of 35

miles per hour, gasoline rationing and a ban on pleasure driving.

The change started in Washington, where the federal government was hiring thousands of people a month and quadrupling its civilian payroll. By the end of the year, it had rationed, controlled or in some way regulated nearly every item Americans ate, wore or bought.

Meanwhile, Roosevelt's "arsenal of democracy" was delivering the goods. Munitions production peaked in October, when factories were turning out more medium tanks than the Allies could use. Production finally was cut back in December, and plants that had fulfilled their military contracts were

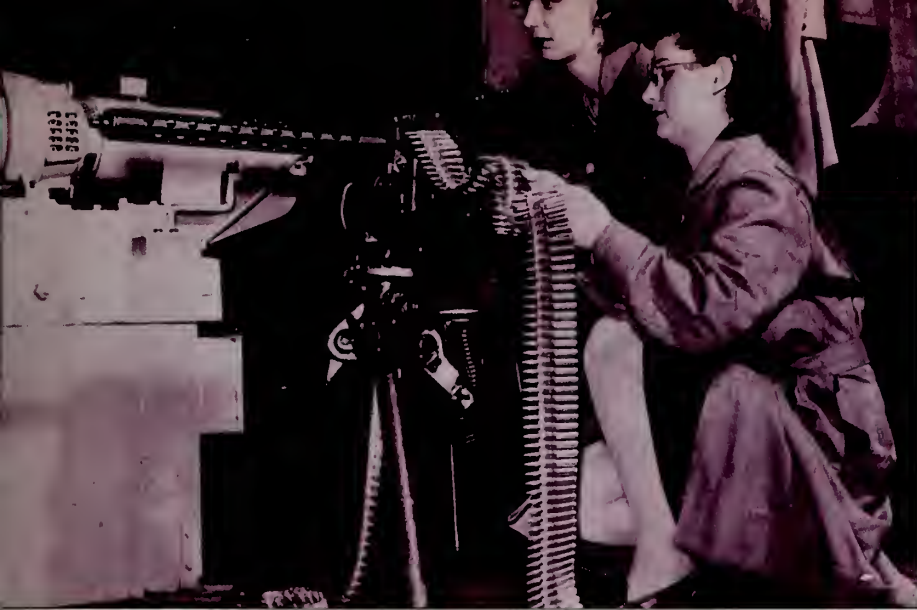
A SHIP A DAY—
Germany sank 12 million tons of Allied shipping in 1942-43. But at the same time, the Allies launched 16 million more tons.

allowed to begin converting for peacetime.

For the first time, the productivity of American industry was limited only by the number of hours in the day. A nation that five years earlier had been making almost no weapons was now making more than twice as many as all its enemies combined.

America could replace weapons and equipment faster than the Axis could destroy them. The nation turned out a plane every five minutes and one ship a day. The Germans sank 12 million tons of Allied shipping in the Atlantic in 1942-43, but over the same two years the Allies launched 16 million tons.





GUNS 'N' ROSIES—
When America went to war, women went to work. Top, they built machine guns and, above, they learned to live with food rationing.

Donald Nelson, head of the War Production Board, called the conversion of American factories for warfare “almost magical” and no less than “the biggest economic undertaking in history.” At the Tehran conference at the end of the year, Stalin proposed a toast: “To American production, without which this war would have been lost.”

It was a year of milestones. The first of 50 Casablanca-class escort carriers was finished at Henry Kaiser’s shipyard in Vancouver, Wash., in record time. The 6,730-ton ships were ordered on June 18, 1942, and the first was completed in July; 49 others would follow within the year.

Ford’s big B-24 bomber plant at Willow Run, Mich., had been a bust in 1942, making only 56 planes. But by the end of 1943, the company had streamlined its plant, stabilized its work force and was closing in on its once-incredible production goal: a bomber an hour.

But the home-front production victory was accompanied by another, less popular effort—rationing, by which the government sought to allocate scarce items. Also price controls were set in an attempt to fight inflation.

When the year began, sugar had been rationed for six months, and gas rationing had just been imposed.

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YOUTHFUL VOLUNTEERS

BY 1943, as many as 12 million Americans had volunteered for the home-front war effort. They planted victory gardens, sold war bonds, collected scrap, rolled bandages and performed a thousand other tasks.

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) scoured the coastlines for downed military pilots and forest fires, and flew “enemy” planes in air raid drills or towed targets. CAP volunteers included mechanics and pilots who flew their own planes.

At its peak, the CAP numbered 80,000 men and women, plus 20,000 air cadets — teenagers who received preflight training. Some CAP planes carried depth charges for use against German submarines. By war’s end, the CAP had bombed 57 subs and sunk several.

Pilots often had to take their small planes as far as 100 miles out to sea. In winter, they faced almost certain death if they had to ditch in the turbulent, icy Atlantic. Twenty-six CAP volunteers were killed in action, and five others were seriously injured.

Boy and Girl Scouts also threw themselves into the war effort. Older Scouts formed aux-

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SOFTENING UP HITLER



IN THE AIR, THE ALLIES

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FORTRESSES—
B-17s of the 8th
Air Force unload
their bombs
over a Luftwaffe
fighter base in
Germany.

EVERYONE talked about a cross-channel invasion of Europe in 1943, but the Allies weren't ready for much more than talk. Instead, they wanted to soften up Hitler's fortress continent by air and to strangle it by sea, while continuing to build up an invasion force in England.

Thanks to the Battle of Britain two years earlier, the Allies had secure air bases. Thanks to humming U.S. factories, they had a growing number of bombers. But the Allies had one big problem—they couldn't agree on a bombing strategy.

The Americans favored daylight "pinpoint" bombing for its precision, while the British advocated nighttime "saturation" bombing for its relative safety. At Casablanca, Roosevelt and Churchill agreed on a compromise—round-the-clock bombing—with British bombers hitting the Germans by night and Americans bombing dur-

ing the day.

By March, the Britain-based U.S. 8th Air Force was able to put 100 bombers at a time into the air, and hundreds more were en route from American factories. But losses were high—almost a third of American airmen failed to complete the 25 missions that qualified them for rotation back home. Germany, moreover, quickly repaired much of the damage to its war machine.

Raids on two key German installa-

tions illustrated the problems and perils of daylight bombing.

On Aug. 1, 177 B-24 Liberators of the 8th and 9th Air Forces left North Africa headed for the sprawling Nazi oil complex at Ploesti in Romania. The complex, which provided more than half of Germany's petroleum, was possibly the most heavily defended target in Europe. Churchill called it "the taproom of German might."

The bombers came in low, about 500 feet, to evade radar and catch the Germans by surprise. But some of the bomber groups approached from the wrong direction, prematurely alerting German anti-aircraft batteries. Flak was heavy, but most of the bombers got through to their targets.

Lt. Addison Baker of Akron, Ohio, and Maj. John Jerstad of Racine, Wis., flew to the target even though their plane was enveloped in flame from head to tail. They dropped their payload and died minutes later when their plane crashed. Baker and Jerstad became two of five airmen to win the



AIR WAR—To reach tough targets, such as this refinery, bombers had to fly through fields of flak while gunners fought off enemy fighters.

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ESPRIT DE CREW—The Memphis Belle crew completed 25 missions with only one casualty—a leg wound to a tail gunner.

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THE NAVAJO CODE TALKERS

THE NAVAJO Code Talkers were several hundred Navajo Indians from Arizona and New Mexico who served as Marine radio operators, speaking a code in their native language. Some had volunteered for the Marines and were drafted for code-talking; others were recruited directly from their reservation. Working in two-man teams — transmitter and receiver — code talkers protected Marine communications from Japanese eavesdroppers in some of the biggest battles of the Pacific. At Iwo Jima, for instance, code talkers handled more than 800 messages in 48 hours.

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Medal of Honor for heroism over Ploesti.

Fifty-three of the 177 Liberators did not return; 310 of the 1,620 airmen were killed and another 200 were captured or interned. Production at Ploesti was cut about 40 percent, but the Germans had ample reserves, and within a month the complex was operating at pre-raid capacity.

Three weeks later, on Aug. 17—"Black Tuesday," the airmen would call it—230 B-17 Flying Fortresses left England for the German ball bearing works at Schweinfurt. Bad weather delayed takeoff by about three hours, allowing German fighter pilots

to attack another group of B-17s over Regensburg, near the Austrian border, and refuel in time to meet the formation approaching

Schweinfurt. In all, the Americans lost 65 bombers, and 138 others were badly damaged.

Two months later, 291 B-17s returned to the site, and another 60 bombers were lost. The fighter escorts lacked the range to reach Schweinfurt and had to turn back before the bombers encountered the heaviest German resistance.

The raids cut production at the factory by 50 percent. But, given the loss-

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AGENT ORANGE LIST EXPANDS

V IETNAM VETERANS suffering from respiratory cancers or multiple myeloma are eligible for VA service-connected disability. The addition of multiple myeloma, a bone cancer, and respiratory cancers of the lung, larynx or trachea brings to seven the number of ailments linked by VA to Agent Orange exposure. VA expects to be able to issue disability guidelines for the new cancers by early 1995.

The two additions come on the heels of a VA announcement last summer that the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) had found positive links to Agent Orange for prophyria cutanea tarda and Hodgkin's disease.

Sen. John D. "Jay" Rockefeller, chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, applauded VA's

decision, but said, "I am concerned with VA's failure to include prostate cancer in the conditions that will be provided presumptive service connection." Rockefeller said the NAS study showed prostate cancer was strongly linked to exposure to Agent Orange.

Although the NAS report did show a connection between Agent Orange and prostate cancer and a probable link with peripheral neuropathy, VA Secretary Brown chose not to add them to the list of ailments linked to Agent Orange. Brown has asked the NAS to make studies on these two illnesses a top priority. It is expected to report its findings by July 1995.

Sen. Rockefeller also expressed disappointment over Brown's failure to follow NAS suggestions to create an independent study of troops exposed to Agent Orange. In a pre-

pared statement, Brown said he asked the NAS to help VA develop and test models of herbicide exposure that could be used in future studies of Vietnam veterans.

However, at press time, no move had been made to begin the process. Legion officials note the statement did not mention a timetable for further study, and they fear this was only a move to placate veterans and veteran advocates such as The American Legion.

For years, The American Legion has called for a protocol model to determine exposure of ground troops in Vietnam. Supporting the VA's decision to add two more diseases, Legion National Commander Bruce Thiesen says, "We still have a long way to go, but we're starting to make some progress."

Veterans Win Right To Sue

Veterans whose disabilities have been made worse from VA treatment no longer must prove negligence or fault to receive VA compensation. In the landmark case of *Gardner vs. Brown* in September, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled in favor of veterans and stated that part 3.358 of Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) was invalid.

According to VA, at least 6,000 veterans are awaiting word on their claims for compensation due to VA negligence. Veterans who have been injured or had their disabilities aggravated because of VA treatment should contact their American Legion Department Service Officers.

However, VA may not act on these claims immediately. It has until March 1994 to appeal the ruling to the Supreme Court.

In upholding an earlier decision by the Court of Veterans Appeals (CVA), the federal court determined the statute in Title 38, United States Code, Section 1158 — the legislation the CFR is based upon — clearly does not require the veteran to prove VA was at fault. When VA appealed the CVA decision before the Court of Appeals

for the Federal Circuit, it argued that 38 CFR 3.358 had stood unchallenged for 59 years. The court dismissed the argument, strongly reminding VA that it has "stood in splendid isolation as the single federal administration whose major functions were explicitly insulated from judicial review."

Recognizing that errors and accidents could happen within the VA system, Congress created legislation in 1924 that would allow veterans to receive compensation in such cases. In 1934, however, the Secretary of the Veterans Bureau created 38 CFR 3.358, which reversed the intent of Congress, the court said.

Calling 38 CFR 3.358 unauthorized, the court said VA had created an "extra-statutory regulation" in an attempt to pay less compensation than Congress had mandated. The court rejected VA's argument that a ruling in favor of *Gardner* would be expensive. That was Congress' problem, not VA's, the court stated in its decision.

Birth Defects Study

Veterans with children suffering from birth defects are urged by The American Legion to register with the

Association of Birth Defect Children (ABDC), if they haven't already done so.

ABDC needs to increase the number of victims on its registry to make it scientifically valid in the eyes of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS).

After testifying before an NAS committee during Agent Orange hearings, ABDC director Betty Mekdeci was told she needed a larger pool of victims to prove a link between herbicides and birth defects before any definite proof of association can be claimed. Mekdeci's group shows strong evidence that certain birth defects are more common in children of Vietnam veterans than in their civilian counterparts.

Mekdeci presented the committee with 1,500 child birth defect cases — 483 from nonveterans and 817 from Vietnam veterans.

The ABDC was one of several organizations that received grants from The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation last year. Veterans with birth-defect children should send a postcard with their names and addresses to the Association of Birth Defect Children Inc., 5400 Diplomat Circle, Suite 270, Orlando, FL 32910. □

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There is new hope against disease and old age. My face appeared tired and older. It seemed so unfair.

Sure, I admit I ate the wrong foods and often drank the things I liked. Bread and sweets were hard to pass up. For a little while I even smoked.

But mirrors don't lie to anyone and I actually watched myself turn into the kind of person we've all laughed about. A chubby, wrinkled, sagging parody of what had once been the real me. I'd once been an attractive person, everyone agreed. But no more.

The urge to eat or else diet away my troubles probably didn't help matters at all. I just gained it all back.

I now began to feel tired and listless, and as though I was continually coming down with ailments. Soon I developed allergy-type symptoms with aches and pains like I had never known before. I started *looking and feeling* older than I really was...and my digestion seemed to have shut down completely. Anguished that I might have caught something life-threatening, I consulted my doctor. He checked me over and called me into his office.

"I hardly know where to begin", were his first words to me. "I'm afraid that you have been starving your body's cells down through the years, in between meals of empty, useless calories which are unable to rebuild the damage which deprivation has done to your body. Your liver suffers some damage, your cholesterol level is alarming, your digestion is far from functioning properly, and you are severely anemic".

I left the nearby drugstore some \$204 poorer and even more frightened. But I was determined to follow what my doctor and the pharmacist had prescribed, so I set about taking all the medications and hoping to see a change for the better.

Well, things certainly changed. But plainly not for the better. What had been my digestive nightmare...the chronic constipation...soon became a cramping and constant diarrhea from the high-powered iron tablets I was taking. My aches and pains did seem to improve from the steroids, but now my face and hands became swollen. My weight rose 5 pounds.

I developed a new skin condition resulting from the high dosages of antibiotics I was on, which seemed to flare up each time I went out into the sun. And the pain-killers left me constantly hung-over and feeling dull and slow.

Plainly I was in trouble. So I began spending much of my time in libraries, determined to find the causes of how such a loss of health could strike any healthy person. The answers were astounding. *Diet* became a word which took on a whole new meaning to me as I read. My research now documented the life-saving role which indoles, minerals, aminos, carbohydrates, proteins, and vitamins play in restoring radiant health, vital strength, and youthful appearance.

As I began to find exactly the right eating habits for me, I happened to run across Dr. Jensen's article in *Health World Magazine* about a remarkable substance. It was a story about the green algae *Chlorella*, a one-celled sea plant which has survived on earth unchanged for a million years.

Contained in one cell, I learned, are beta carotene, thiamine, vitamin K, riboflavin, and pyridoxine. As well as phosphorous, ascorbic acid, magnesium, alpha tocopherol, pantothenic acid, zinc, folic acid, organic iron, calcium, iodine, plus trace elements. It absolutely possesses more chlorophyll than any plant source on earth, and has a mysterious growth factor which stimulates tissue repairs. (Even AIDS patients have begun using *Chlorella* to help arrest, benefit, and reverse the condition.)

My interest was now growing daily. So I decided to order a 30-day trial supply of *Chlorella* from The WorldLife Co., Inc., Dept. AL11C, Box 30665, Albuquerque, N. M. 87190. Call 1 (800) 451-2194. They take Visa, Mastercard, or Discover, and ship quickly - sending a full 30-day supply for only \$15.95 (add \$3 delivery).

Ironically, when I first began taking the *Chlorella*, I was putting in so many research hours each day that at first I didn't notice what was happening to my body. But in about three weeks or so, big things seemed to have occurred.

Suddenly I noticed that at the end of a

hard day's work I was as fresh as when I started. My digestive problems soon ceased to be a worry, and I was feeling stronger and pain-free. My complexion improved, my allergies even stopped bothering me, and I felt so good.

The anti-oxidants, it seems, were scavenging the free radical carriers of disease from my veins and arteries. Perhaps the most amazing and wonderful thing was that, without any effort, I'd lost 15 pounds in only one month.

Day after day, I learned of even more successful case histories of how *Chlorella* measurably helped with heart problems, destroyed cancer cells, normalized blood disorders, promoted needed weight loss, lessened arthritis, and detoxified body poisons. It can amazingly increase energy flow, promote healing and has dozens of strong benefits dealing with allergies, hepatitis, anemia, menstrual irregularities, varicose veins, hemorrhoids, digestive problems, headaches, pancreas, memory loss, diabetic ulcers, and the list goes on.

Early on, my research disclosed that *Chlorella* is a food substance, and is not a drug at all.

In fact, the WorldLife Company where I order my *Chlorella* from, by food law makes no claims whatsoever for *Chlorella*, period. I chose the company as my supplier largely because their product is inexpensive and I learned they use only the transpierced wall *Chlorella* which provides ready access to its nutrients. The bottles of unprepared product sold in some stores, you see, still has its protective cellular wall which can allow the product to pass undigested through your system. But WorldLife's product insures a cracked wall which releases the critical nutrients to your body.

You can order *Chlorella* direct from WorldLife or other source, and try it yourself. That's plainly up to you because I'm no doctor. They guarantee 100% satisfaction with a 30-day return policy, and larger-sized orders are very economical.

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'IT'S TIME TO GET OUT OF SOMALIA,' THIESEN SAYS

LEGION National Commander Bruce Thiesen has called on the United States to remove U.S. troops from Somalia.

"It's time for the administration and Congress to get our nation off this ill-fated course," Thiesen said in an article sent to key newspapers throughout the nation.

"The United States became involved in Somalia's civil war in response to grim photos of starving people. Clearly, we let our compassion dictate our foreign policy and have placed ourselves on a road to a quagmire," Thiesen wrote.

But the humanitarian mission has been completed and "our troops should have come home," he said.

The American Legion believes American troops should not be used for political purposes, he said, especially when U.S. national interests are not at stake.

"The civil war in Somalia is a war America does not need, America does not want, and America is not willing to commit sufficient force to win," Thiesen said.

If the United States wants to serve in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations, Thiesen said it must have "clearly defined goals," which has not been the case in Somalia.

Commander Thiesen also sent a personal letter to President Clinton urging immediate action to curtail



A VILE ACT—The body of a U.S. serviceman is dragged through the streets of Mogadishu by celebrating Somalis.

foreign command of U.S. military forces and to protect Americans captured by hostile, nongovernmental forces. (See Commander's Message, Page 10.)

"Placing American military forces under foreign command is inconsistent

with U.S. sovereignty and violates constitutional provisions," Thiesen said in his letter. "If placed under incompetent foreign commanders or assigned missions contrary to U.S. national interests such actions could place American lives in jeopardy."

Thiesen said The American Legion recommends foreign command of U.S. military forces be prohibited, unless Congress grants specific approval based on national security and the best interest of U.S. troops.

Thiesen also urged the President to formulate "a national policy to protect American forces captured during peacekeeping or humanitarian operations, just as they would be in a declared war. Prisoners of war are protected by the Geneva Conventions, but political prisoners or hostages have no such protections or rights."

He reminded the President that in March 1993,

THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine asked the Defense Department whether a captured Marine participating in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia would be considered a POW or a hostage.

"No one could answer the question," the National Commander said.

Thiesen urged Clinton to establish a firm policy that no American will be mistreated as a political prisoner or hostage. And that those who violate this policy will be held accountable and face the full wrath of the U.S. government.

Thiesen's letter also recommended establishing a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Commission to ensure all American POW/MIAs are accounted for, treated properly and released.

"Despite mounting evidence of gross governmental failures to protect Americans captured in World War II, the Cold War, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, we see no evidence that the Pentagon will act forthrightly to provide a better outcome in future conflicts or operations," Thiesen said. "Indeed, we see the Pentagon continuing to debunk all criticism and continue its old, discredited ways." □

Resolutions Support U.S. Troop Protection

AT THE 75th National Convention in Pittsburgh, Legion delegates passed three resolutions that apply to U.S. involvement in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations such as those in Somalia.

- Res. 170 opposes any plan to have U.S. troops placed under foreign command, unless approved by Congress.
- Res. 15 supports the establishment of

a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Commission to ensure that all American POW/MIAs are accounted for, treated properly and released from captivity at the earliest possible moment.

- Res. 121 urges the U.S. government to take specific steps to obtain the fullest possible accounting for American POW/MIAs. □

POST PARTNERSHIPS PROVIDE FLOOD RELIEF

THE 75 members of Post 787 in West Point, Calif., call themselves a small Post, but they're not too small to help Legionnaires who are victims of the summer floods in the Midwest.

Post 787, located in the foothills of the Sierra Mountains in Northern California, plans to sponsor a dinner with the proceeds going to help members of Post 424 in Hartsburg, Mo.

"Our hearts go out to you, and we pray that soon we will be able to help in some small way," Gerry Bayless, Post 787's Auxiliary second vice commander, wrote in a letter that officially formed their Post Partnership with the Hartsburg Post.

Even though the Great Flood of '93 is out of the headlines, much help is still needed. Forming a Post Partnership is a way your Post can provide that help.

"The clean up is enor-

mous," said Frank French, Commander of Post 26, Davenport, Iowa. "Everything must be replaced and nothing could be saved. With the kindness and generosity of Legionnaires and Auxiliary all over, we will return."

Post 26 lost all of its office equipment when its first floor was flooded by 5 feet of water.

Because of the extensive damage of the flooding—45 dead, more than \$10 billion in property damage and tens of thousands homeless—on-going relief efforts such as the Post Partnership Program is essential to the Midwesterners putting their lives back together.

"The Post Partnership Program is not a short-term effort," said National Commander Bruce Thiesen. "We want to be able to help the flooded Posts get back on their feet and stay on their feet."

Another Post devastated

by the Great Flood of '93 was Post 318 of Parkville, Mo. Water rose to the Post home's rafters, leaving the inside a wasted, muddy mess with \$50,000 in damage.

"Needless to say, we were totally wiped out," said Post 318 Commander Terry Brown. "We are in the process of cleaning up after the flood and plan to rebuild and renovate."

Members of Post 318 have already been helped by generous Posts, such as Post 88 of Indianapolis, which formed a Post Partnership with the Parkville Post and gave it \$1,000.

Another successful partnership involves Post 750 of

Lowell, Ohio, and Post 648 of Grafton, Ill., which was damaged by the flood. Post 750 gave the Grafton Post \$1,600 to help victims with relief efforts.

In addition to efforts of individual Posts, The American Legion's National Emergency Fund (NEF) has been assisting Legionnaires. Some 300 NEF grants totaling more than \$230,000 have been sent by National Headquarters to Legionnaires since the flooding began.

Send contributions to:

**National Emergency Fund
The American Legion
P.O. Box 6141
Indianapolis, IN 46206** ☐



WATER FULL—Flood waters were nine feet above sidewalk level when this photo of Post 318 in Parkville, Mo., was taken on July 30.

POSTS IN NEED

Posts hit by the flooding that still need your help:

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Post 297, Dallas City
Post 636, Hardin
Post 648, Grafton
Post 682, Warsaw
Post 901, Valmeyer
Post 1061, Hull
Post 1083, Campsville
Post 1971, New Boston

IOWA

Post 26, Davenport
Post 52, Burlington
Post 60, Des Moines
Post 232, Polk City
Post 418, Eddyville
Post 620, W. Des Moines

MISSOURI

Post 318, Parkville
Post 424, Hartsburg

KANSAS

Post 109, Natoma
Post 161, Walthena
Post 255, Tescott

NEBRASKA

Post 150, Nehawka

HOW TO FORM A POST PARTNERSHIP

Created in the aftermath of the Great Flood of '93, The American Legion Post Partnership program is designed for Posts, Districts and Departments to help one another in times of disaster. To become a Post Partner, you should call Wayne Vanover at National Headquarters, (317) 630-1321. You will be assigned a Post that's been affected by the flooding. After contacting the Post, you will be able to determine how you can help the Post most. ☐

LEGION CRITICIZES VA OUTPATIENT CARE

OUTPATIENT care for VA patients is fragmented, patchwork and outdated, a Legion representative told the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations in testimony earlier this year.

The Legion cited several specific examples of VA facilities that had to reduce or restrict outpatient care because of the lack of money. These examples include:

- VAMC at Boise, Idaho, which had to restrict low income Category A patients from receiving outpatient care during the past year;

- VAMCs in Salt Lake City and Denver, Utah, which limit psychiatric services to service-connected patients;

- VAMCs in Phoenix, Prescott, Ariz., and Puerto Rico control access to outpatient care because of overcrowding and underfunding;

- The Orlando, Fla., outpatient clinic, which is staffed for 50,000 outpatient visits, but in 1992, the clinic recorded 103,999 visits;

- VAMC Tampa, Fla., where patients have to wait more than six weeks for routine appointments, and in some specialty clinics, the wait has been more than

six months.

- The Youngstown, Ohio, outpatient clinic, where the chief of staff resigned because of clinical safety issues caused by overcrowding and understaffing.

Legion spokesmen urged Congress to adopt the provisions of *An American Legion Proposal to Improve Veterans Health Care*. They

said better preventative care provided by VA outpatient clinics could reduce the number of veter-

ans who must have emergency treatment and hospitalization.

National Commander Bruce Thiesen also testified before Congress on behalf of the nation's veterans. Thiesen told a joint hearing of the House and Senate

Veterans Affairs committees on Sept. 21 that the Legion supports most provisions of President Clinton's health-care reform. (For more on Thiesen's testimony, see Page 18.)

In addition to Thiesen, other Legion representatives presented testimony to Congress outlining the Legion's position on:

Agent Orange.

Urged Congress to support an independent study of the effects of Agent Orange. (House Veterans Affairs Committee).

VA mental health programs. Supported expanding eligibility for VA psychiatric treatment and urged adequate funding for such programs. (Senate Veterans Affairs Committee). □



UTAH ADJUTANT DIES

DEPARTMENT OF Utah Adjutant Dean Hall died from heart surgery complications in August. Hall, 67, was appointed Utah's Adjutant in June 1956. A member of Post 33 of Richmond, Utah, with 49 consecutive years of membership, he also served in many Department and National offices.

Hall is survived by his wife, Barbara, and three children. The family has requested that, instead of flowers, donations be made to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Messages of condolence can be sent to the family at 1037 Tally Ho, Salt Lake City, UT 84116. □

Legion Magazine Wins Freedoms Honor Medal

THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine has won a 1993 George Washington Honor Medal for Excellence in Public Communications for the article, "POW/MIAs: The Next War," published in March. The medal is awarded by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge in Penn-

sylvania. Written by Managing Editor Miles Z. Epstein, the article was selected for the honor in a national competition to promote responsible citizenship. "POW/MIAs: The Next War," outlined what America can do to protect POW/MIAs in future wars. □

LEGIONNAIRES IN ACTION

Members of Post 84 of W. Swanzey, N.H., transport Cheshire County veterans to the VA hospital in White River Junction, Vt. Post volunteers last year drove more than 150,000 miles in their own vehicles in support of Project 52-Volunteer Transport. The Post plans to use donations to buy a van.

Post 429 of Fitchburg, Mass., gave WWI veteran Carlo Testarmata a certificate of appreciation on his 100th birthday for 75 years of service to the Legion. Testarmata, born in Italy, was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1918.

Thanks to a \$500-plus donation from Post 22 of Mt. Sterling, Ky., the Goldwing Squadron of the local Civil Air Patrol—the U.S. Air Force auxiliary—can buy color guard equipment.

Dan Monak, Post 83 of Sandusky, Ohio, and his family show patriotism by flying the U.S. flag next to their immigrant parents and grandparents' flags. But the Monaks' largest flag, a hanging replica of Old Glory made of red, white and blue garland and lights, is big and brilliant enough to slow traffic on nearby Route 163.

Floyd Camp of Post 269, Brownfield, Texas, finally has received a Purple Heart for a 1942 shrapnel wound he received during a Japanese air raid on a U.S. military outpost in the Aleutian Islands. Camp had to locate members of the outpost to get sworn statements about the injury because no records of his wound existed with the Department of Defense. □

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1st Inf. Div., Forward (APO 09137 Goeppingen, Ger.) #12130
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2nd CA Bn., D-41 Btry. (Kahuka HI 1942/45 WWII) #12176
2nd Chem. Mortar Bn., POW's (Korea 1950/53) #14861
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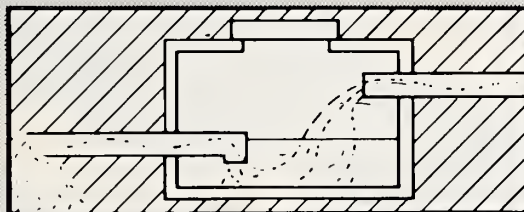
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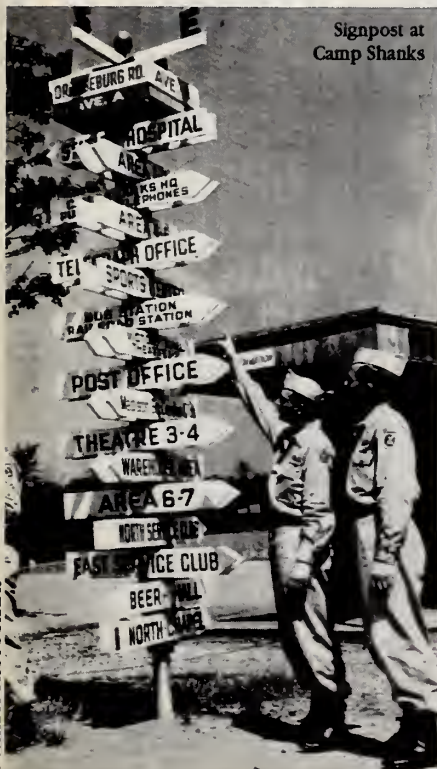
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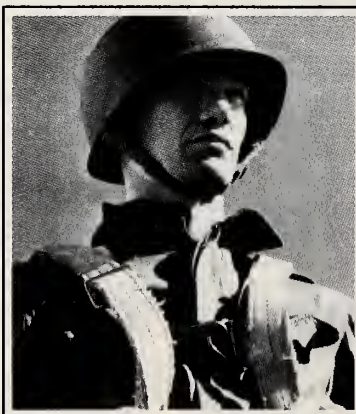
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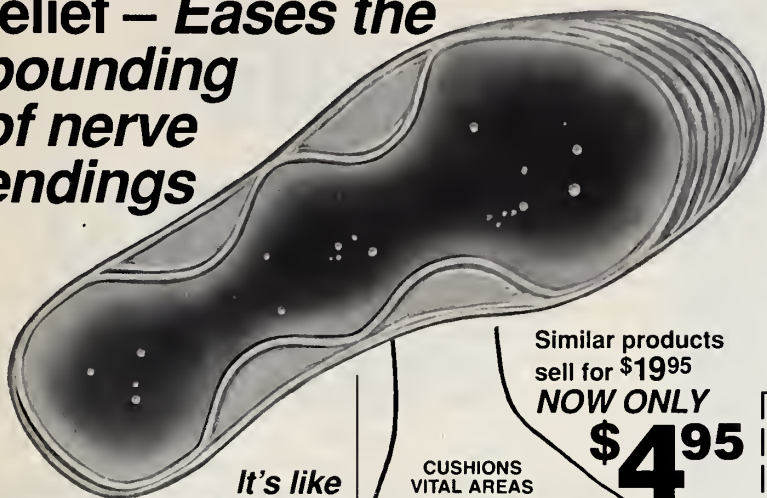
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landed with little opposition. But glider and parachute troops flown in shortly before the invasion suffered heavy casualties—27 percent by American paratroopers. Gliders crashed into the sea, paratroopers were dropped miles from their landing zones, and Allied planes were shot down by Allied naval anti-aircraft guns.

Within two days, 80,000 Allied troops were ashore. Leading the American charge was the 1st Division, the Big Red One—the oldest active division in the Army—under Maj. Gen. Terry de la Mesa Allen. Patton pushed on to Palermo on the island's northern coast, taking the city on July 22. On Aug. 17, after overcoming rugged terrain and stiff German resistance, Montgomery ended the Sicilian campaign by seizing Messina, a city which commanded the narrow, strategically vital strait between Sicily and the Italian mainland.

Even in victory, however, the Sicilian campaign was something of a mess. Despite Allied air superiority, Axis commanders evacuated vast numbers of troops, tanks and guns to the mainland before Montgomery moved in.

Meanwhile, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini's popularity had faded precipitously. The fall of Sicily and the Allied bombing of Rome on July 19 finished him off. On July 25, King Victor Emmanuel III had Il Duce arrested and replaced him with Marshal Pietro Badoglio.

On Sept. 3, Badoglio secretly approved a conditional surrender, which was announced by "Ike" five days later. He called on Italians to "help eject the German aggressor," but the nation's dispirited, disorganized troops were of little help to anyone. Meanwhile, 400,000 German troops prepared to tenaciously defend the peninsula. They occupied Rome on Sept. 10.

Italian authorities had tried to hide Mussolini, but the Germans rescued him on Sept. 12. Two days later, he and Adolph Hitler had an emotional reunion. Hitler then set him up as head of a phony puppet state in northern Italy. He was assassinated two years later.

The Italian campaign had begun auspiciously on Sept. 3 when Mont-

gomery landed almost without opposition on the toe of the mainland. But the primary Allied trust came Sept. 9 in a landing at Salerno, southwest of Naples. The U.S. Fifth Army under Lt. Gen. Mark Clark found the Germans had occupied a ring of hills overlooking the harbor, from which they pounded the invaders.

But by the end of the first day, the 36th Division—comprised of Texans who became the first American troops on continental Europe—pushed four miles inland, providing those on the beach with some breathing room.

On Sept. 13, the German commander in Italy, Gen. Albert Kesselring, counterattacked, pushing the Allies back toward their Salerno beachhead. But as naval gunners blasted the Germans, 1,200 men of the 82nd Airborne parachuted onto the beachhead. Not a paratrooper or plane was lost.

After four days of furious fighting, Kesselring drew back, and Clark met Montgomery coming up from the south. By Sept. 26, more than 189,000 troops, 100,000 tons of supplies and 30,000 vehicles had landed at Salerno, but the Allies had sustained 9,000 casualties in just nine days.

On Oct. 1, Naples fell, but after that the push toward Rome slowed. The Germans held the advantage. They had the weather, with winter approaching. They had nine more divisions than the Allies, and they had the mountains, which Kesselring called "God's gift to gunners."

Using everything from concrete bunkers to land mines, the Germans built a series of strong defensive lines across the peninsula. On Nov. 5, the Fifth Army attacked, but the offensive came to a muddy, bloody, rocky halt in terrain better suited for mules than men, tanks or trucks.

The war in Italy had settled into a stalemate that would continue for the rest of the war. The Allied march against Hitler would have to proceed down other avenues. □

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beaches of Bougainville's western coast. Despite intense Japanese artillery fire, 14,000 Marines landed and began fighting inland. In a counterattack five days later, several hundred Japanese troops landed on the same beachhead behind the Marines, but the maneuver failed. And by the end of the year, the Allies were building an air base on the island. Nevertheless, fighting on the island continued until the end of the war.

As MacArthur labored to make good on his promise to return to the Philippines, other American forces to the north moved steadily westward.

Their first advance into the Pacific came May 11, when the 7th Infantry Division landed on Attu in the Aleutian Islands. When the fighting ended 20 days later, all but 30 members of the 2,350-man Japanese garrison were dead; the Americans suffered 512 casualties. Two months later an American-Canadian force landed on Kiska

and discovered the Japanese had abandoned it. The recapture of the Aleutians brought Japan's Kuril Islands, north of the home islands, within bombing range.

In their meeting at Quebec in August, Roosevelt and Churchill agreed on an "island hopping" offensive strategy in the Pacific. On Nov. 20, the Americans began implementing the strategy with Operation Galvanic, the invasion of the Gilbert Island atolls of Makin and Tarawa. The former fell to the 6,500-man 27th Division in four days, but at Tarawa, 10,000 men of the Marine 2nd Division fought one of the bloodiest battles in the history of the Corps.

Determined Japanese troops manned a fortress on tiny Betio Island with hidden pillboxes, underground shelters, underwater barbed wire and a coconut log seawall topped with machine guns. Betio absorbed 10 tons of explosives per acre in a pre-assault bombardment by a 34-ship American armada.

But the Japanese guns cut down one Marine after another before they could reach the beach. Col. David Shoup, wounded in the leg, directed the assault while standing in waist-deep, red-stained water. For his action on Tarawa, he won the Medal of Honor and later went on to serve as Marine Commandant during the 1970s. Three other medals for gallantry at Tarawa were awarded posthumously.

Finally the Marines managed to land tanks and big guns and fight their

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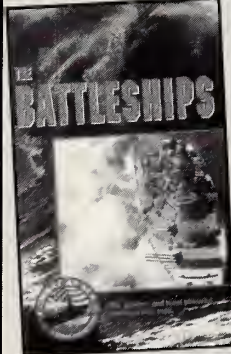
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way inland. By the end of the fourth day the battle was over, but the cost was dear: 984 Marine dead and another 2,300 wounded. Only 17 of the 4,800 Japanese defenders survived, and each was wounded.

At year's end, the Japanese high command was increasingly pessimistic. Some of the strategists wanted to withdraw from New Guinea and its neighboring islands and drop back into a defensive posture. A few accepted the truth—the war was lost.

It was a strategy discussion in which Japan's most famed military leader did not participate. During the Solomons campaign, Allied code breakers had learned that Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto would be flying through the area. On April 18, P-38 fighters from the 339th Fighter Squadron, led by Lt. Col. Thomas G. Lanphier Jr., downed Yamamoto's plane just south of Bougainville, killing the man who planned the attack on Pearl Harbor. □

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Meanwhile, the exploits of Gen. Claire Chennault and his "Flying Tigers" were giving the Allies a boost in morale. Chennault, a retired Army Air Corps officer, was asked in 1941 to create a fighter unit to protect the Burma Road. His pilots were given P-40B Tomahawk fighters—widely regarded as obsolete—on which they painted tiger shark faces to scare Japanese pilots. By the time the "Flying Tigers" were merged with the 14th Air Force in July 1942, they had destroyed 286 Japanese aircraft while suffering minimal losses.

Other intrepid American pilots also were making a name for themselves by flying "The Hump," carrying supplies from India to China over the Himalayas. And Maj. Gen. Lewis Pick had begun building the Ledo Road to replace the interdicted Burma Road. "Merrill's Marauders," a daring commando regiment under Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill, captured Myikyina in northern Burma in August 1944, shortening flights over "The Hump."

In early 1945, Stilwell's forces finally reached the Burma Road, but Stilwell was not with them. Acceding to Chiang's wishes, President Roosevelt had recalled "Vinegar Joe" the previous October. □

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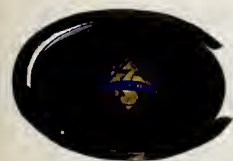
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es of planes and men—and the fact that factory production bounced back soon afterward—American commanders decided not to continue daylight raids. Albert Speer, Hitler's production expert, disagreed. He later wrote that the Americans "threw away success when it was already in their hands" by not persisting.

The real lesson of Schweinfurt, however, was that bombers needed fighter protection as they approached the target. Accordingly, production of the P-51 Mustang was speeded up, and when they began to arrive in great numbers in December, Allied bomber losses finally were reduced.

By the end of the year, the 8th Air Force had 700 bombers available per mission. The Americans also had refined bomber defenses with the box formation—designed by Col. Curtis LeMay—which maximized the defensive firepower of a bomber formation's machine guns. Yet, the German war machine continued to roll.

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THE NAVAJO CODE TALKERS

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The Japanese and the Germans had sent undercover agents to America before the war to study Indian languages, but they apparently neglected Navajo. The code talkers, at any rate, created their own words for many modern weapons. Bomb was "egg," observation plane was "owl," torpedo was "iron fish," and hand grenade was "potato."

Names of people and places were spelled out with an improvised alphabet in which the Navajo word for "ant" was the letter "a," and so forth.

A few of the code talkers were

taken prisoner by fellow Marines, who mistook them for Japanese spies. When the war ended, their work remained classified, and the code talkers themselves were famously circumspect.

In 1950, a study concluded that, given a potential enemy's ability to study any and all languages, code talking could not be relied on in future warfare, and the code talkers' activities were declassified in 1981.

The following year President Reagan declared August 14 National Navajo Code Talkers Day, and praised them for helping speed victory in the Pacific. □

The year also marked a turning point in the Battle of the Atlantic, where Allied shipping convoys fought for survival against German submarine "wolf packs."

The winter of '42-'43 was the worst in 50 years in the frigid, stormy North Atlantic. But some American sailors fought their natural inclinations and prayed for bad weather—it made a sub attack less likely.

By March, it seemed that despite all their success in North Africa, the Allies might well lose the European war at sea. In three weeks, U-boats sank 96 ships, 21 in a single convoy. "The Germans never came so near to disrupting communication between the New World and the Old as in the first 20 days of March," British historian S.W. Roskill later wrote.

At the rate the Allies were losing ships, they would never build up enough supplies for a cross-channel invasion of Europe. And since two-thirds of the ships lost were in convoys, the Allies' key system of shipping defense was being called into question.

But even as the number of U-boats prowling the ocean increased, the tide began to turn. Merchant Marine losses decreased, and U-boat sinkings increased. Convoy SC 130, which sailed in mid-May, was attacked by a total of 33 U-boats, but not a single Merchant Marine ship was lost—and five of the U-boats were sunk.

A pattern had been established. The convoys at last were able to fight back and win, at least some of the time. Radar and sonar were improved, as were new technologies that used radio waves to detect distant enemy craft on

the surface and below the sea. There were more long-range bombers available for anti-sub patrol. Escort carriers gave convoys their own air protection, and Allied code breakers passed along valuable information on U-boat movements.

May marked the turning point, as the Germans got only 50 ships, while losing 41 subs. German Adm. Karl Doenitz concluded he was losing one sub for every 10,000 tons of Allied shipping sunk. "The losses have therefore reached an unbearable height," he said. Doenitz finally withdrew his U-boats from the North Atlantic convoy routes, clinging to the vain hope that Germany's next generation of subs could regain the technological initiative and begin a new chapter in the Battle of the Atlantic.

The Atlantic was now an Allied lake, and the skies would soon be equally hospitable. As the year ended, the stage had been set for the climactic assault on Fortress Europe.

Americans did not know it, but by the end of 1943 they had taken the crucial steps toward winning World War II.

In Africa and Italy, in the Pacific and the Atlantic, the Allies had seized the initiative. Although most of the war's most famous battles were in 1942, such as Midway and Guadalcanal, or in 1944, such as Normandy and Leyte Gulf, 1943 was the pivotal year. In dozens of less heralded battles, the Axis lost forever their chance for victory and allowed American factories time to produce the greatest arsenal in the history of war. □

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Shoe rationing was imposed in February, but three pairs of shoes a year was hardly hardship—two years earlier the average American had bought 3.4 pairs. Butter shortages developed in February, because the government reserved about a third of butter and cheese for the armed services.

About the same time this was going on, coffee rationing, which had been imposed in November 1942, was discontinued. But coffee sales dropped only temporarily. Rationing apparent-

ly had increased coffee's desirability. If something was rationed, some Americans figured, you'd might as well buy up your allotment.

Meat had begun to disappear early in the war, because the Lend-Lease agreement and the U.S. Armed Forces were taking a fourth of the nation's production. Soon there wasn't even hamburger to be bought on the East Coast. Shoppers trudged from market to market, happy to find frankfurters. In most large cities, Tuesday and Friday were meatless days.

Meat rationing, imposed in March, was the last major rationing program and the least popular. Civilian meat demand was estimated at 164 pounds per person per year. But rationing allowed only 140 pounds, an average of about 2½ pounds a week.

The week before rationing began saw some of the worst hoarding of the war. In Chicago, some stores admitted only one customer at a time as long as the meat lasted. One woman sought an exemption, claiming that she was afraid her 16-pound cat would become

YOUTHFUL VOLUNTEERS

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iliary civil defense units to play "victims" for first-aid classes and to act as official messengers for the Office of Civilian Defense. Scouts also picked milkweed to replace scarce kapok in life jackets and pulled wagons from house to house, collecting bundles of scrap paper. □

nasty without his pork kidneys.

By the end of the year about 20 essential items were rationed, and several billion coupons a month were changing hands. Some people thought the whole business was un-American, and others thought it was just a pain. But for the most part they went along with it. And if they didn't, there was always this admonishment, "Don'tcha know there's a war on?" □

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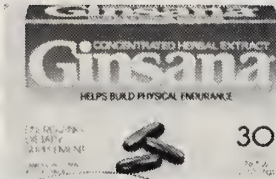
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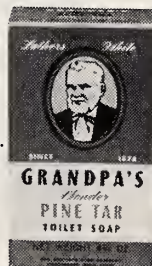
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In combat, Desert Storm for example, search and rescue teams were on alert to rescue downed pilots and stranded infantry troops before they were captured. Whether or not a rescue is mounted is a military and tactical decision.

During peacekeeping, GIs turned hostage become the State Department's responsibility and the decision to rescue them becomes a political question.

Nearly five years ago, Marine Col. William R. "Rich" Higgins, while serving under the U.N. flag, was captured by terrorists and brutally mur-

dered in Lebanon without even the dignity and limited protection POW status affords. Instead, he was treated as a common criminal.

A recent letter I received from his wife, Marine Lt. Col. Robin L. Higgins, makes the tragedy of America's current policy apparent.

"Rich was never declared a prisoner of war...some of what that meant for Col. Higgins was no rescue, no retribution, no insistence on any international conventions of treatment, and no posthumous POW medal. America failed my husband."

America will continue to fail our sons and daughters who serve in the nation's armed forces unless it declares every U.S. serviceperson captured by hostile forces a POW. We must do everything in our power to rescue them. We must do everything in our power to insist the Geneva Conventions apply. And we must retaliate against those who chose to take an American GI hostage. We owe our brave men and women in uniform no less.

Said Col. Higgins' wife in her letter: "My husband suffered under a fate

painfully similar to the missing servicemen in Somalia today. He too worked under the U.N. flag in the midst of terrorists who knew no respect for any civilized organization or state."

Higgins was hanged by terrorists who never were held accountable for their actions because our own government didn't hold itself accountable for the colonel's safety. Today, several American troops are missing, and some could be hostages—not POWs—in a "peacekeeping" mission in Somalia. Unless we act to prevent it, they too may suffer Higgins' fate.

How many more GIs will be killed because our foreign policy ignores the dangers of peacekeeping and foreign command of U.S. troops? How many more GIs will die because Congress is not involved in the commitment of U.S. forces to peacekeeping missions? When will America care enough about its troops that it will give POW status to every U.S. serviceperson captured in peacetime?

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LATIN AMERICA

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States clearly is Mexico. Mexico's border with the United States, its size, population, natural resources and migration flows make it a country of immense significance for us.

Between 1986 and 1991, U.S. exports to Mexico nearly tripled, and they rose by another 22 percent in 1992 to a total of \$40.6 billion. Mexico already buys more U.S.-made textiles, apparel, milk, luggage and air travel than any other country.

It is our second largest customer for auto parts, machine tools, steel, consumer electronics, appliances, heating and air-conditioning equipment, breakfast cereal, and furniture; and our third largest for chemicals, paper, scientific and lab instruments, and mining machinery.

Taboos that date to the Mexican Revolution are being broken month after month. New policies have included diplomatic recognition of the Vatican; changes in the old communal farming system; and privatization of

the banking and telephone systems, among hundreds of other state-owned companies.

Mexico finally has undergone a rapprochement with the United States, its long-time adversary. This change is embodied in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

NAFTA has become the keystone to building a modern Mexico. Besides the promise of economic benefits, it now is a symbol of each country's commitment to the other. In Mexico, NAFTA is hugely important psychologically, demonstrating the seriousness and the permanence of American interest in Mexico. It is a treaty between partners of equal dignity, not some sort of American aid or concession.

If NAFTA is approved, Mexico seems assured of economic growth, followed by slow but steady progress toward free elections and democracy. A prosperous and increasingly democratic Mexico would be an immense asset for our country.

The controversy in America over NAFTA—whether it will force U.S. companies to move south—hides the real competitive threat to prosperity in the Americas—Asia. Southeast Asian countries such as Indonesia and Malaysia pay wages below the United States and much of Latin America. Any U.S. company whose only concern is low wages probably has already moved its plants to Southeast Asia.

But if international competition requires choosing the right mix of labor-intensiveness and capital-intensive technology, manufacturers within the NAFTA will be better able to compete with European or Asian companies. American workers will never be able to compete with Southeast Asia in low wages, thank God. But Mexico can. So goods produced under NAFTA by American and Mexican workers can be more competitive globally.

The Latins, meanwhile, are not just sitting around waiting to see if our trade agreement with Mexico works. They are building their own Latin free-trade network, the "Mercosur." The Mercosur will eliminate trade barriers between Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, and Paraguay. Chile and Mexico signed a free-trade agreement in 1991, and since then their bilateral trade has increased nearly 85 percent.

In the Andes, Colombia and Venezuela abolished mutual tariffs in January 1992, and since then their trade with each other has roughly doubled. They now have signed agreements with Mexico and Central American countries to eliminate tariffs by the end of

LEGION'S POSITION ON NAFTA

Res. 18 passed at The American Legion 73rd National Convention in Phoenix, Ariz., in September 1991, supports the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Res. 20 passed by the National Executive Committee at its October 1992 meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., reaffirms that support.

The American Legion believes NAFTA will benefit the United States economically by providing more jobs for Americans and enhancing the country's world trade market, and also will help control drugs entering the country. □

the decade.

Tariffs among Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia and Venezuela have disappeared. Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador have announced a trilateral free-trade agreement to take effect this year, and the five Central American countries have a free-trade agreement with Mexico to be phased in by the end of 1996.

Our trade with Latin America's countries is taking off, but so is trade among themselves.

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Relations with Canada and Mexico, among the first national security issues the new United States confronted two centuries ago, now are being resolved by movement toward a very high degree of economic integration. The approval of NAFTA, along with Mexican steps toward democracy, promise a stable and friendly relationship between the United States and Mexico for the first time.

American dominance in the Caribbean Basin, which appeared threatened in 1979 in Grenada and Nicaragua, has been secured. For the first time in U.S. history, there is no threat of foreign intervention in the region.

The key remaining issue is whether the United States will recognize that our national interests lie very much in our ties with our neighbors.

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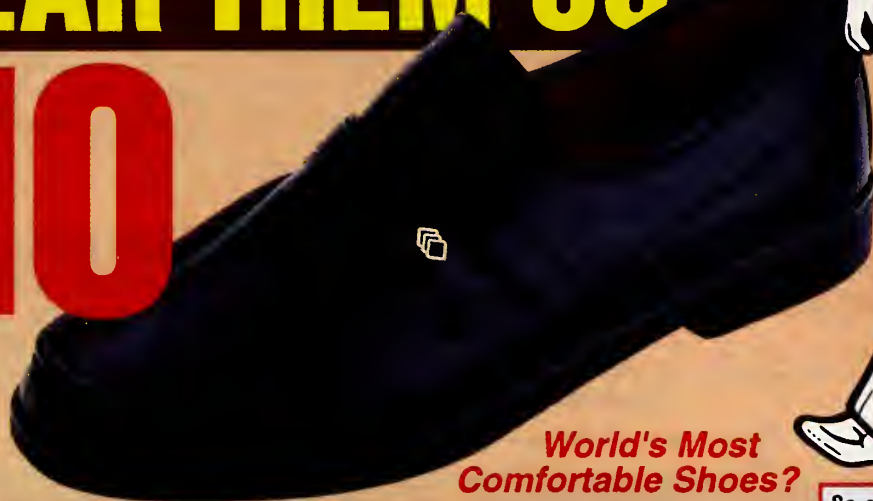
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VETVOICE

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landing fields throughout Mindanao.

- The pilot was a member of the top-secret 2nd American Volunteer Group (a bomber squadron). I seek its roster.

- Jim Shannon (now a retired Delta Airlines captain) saw the two planes that intercepted the P-40 take off and land. Shannon, co-pilot on General Stillwell's C-47, says "all hell broke loose at headquarters" in Chungking the next morning when the command realized an American plane had been shot down.

- Lt. John Hampshire and Capt. Robert J. Costello were the intercepting pilots, and I have verification. The flight did take place. The ghost plane was shot down 10 minutes south of Kweilin (not Kienow).

- The pilot was alive when intercepted. No one ever flew a P-40 "hands off." According to Bill Rowe,

who flew this particular P-40B before the surrender, it had a wing from an "E" model so he had to keep the stick "all the way over," making the later flight to China even more difficult.

Thank you again, Legion readers, for your time, interest and thoughtfulness.

Curt Norris
Norton, Mass.

Un-Jefferson

In the article, "Founding Father, Favorite Son," (July) author Lowell Ponte incorrectly reported that Thomas Jefferson wrote the words: "...that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with *inalienable* rights..." The word should be *unalienable*.

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pressed all of us with his friendship and kindness, a Baptist who read the Bible daily.

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Christmas Day, 1944, was a cold day with low hanging clouds hiding the Apennines of Northern Italy.

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Outside the tent city, in a large circle, sitting in the rain were women and small children, holding GI cans. Looking like walking skeletons, they were patiently waiting for the leftover dinner.

With music playing Silent Night, wounded, combat hardened GIs of Africa and Sicily went through the chow lines, or left their beds, and walking out of the tents through the mud, and with rain mixed with tears, placed their Christmas dinners in the cans held by the women and children. ☐

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AMERICA APART

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ideals of democracy is disabling to nonwhite people? On the contrary, it is empowering.

Q. Isn't traditional education, in fact, Eurocentric?

A. Yes, and for very good reason. For better or worse, American culture has been shaped primarily by European—more precisely—British sources. That is an historical fact.

Q. Do Afrocentric classes produce positive results?

A. If some kleagle of the Ku Klux Klan wanted to devise an educational curriculum for the specific purpose of handicapping and disabling blacks, he would not be likely to come up with anything more diabolically effective than Afrocentrism. It is designed not to enable blacks to enter the larger mainstream of American life but to keep them in the ghetto. The theory behind this glorification of African achievements is that this will improve self-esteem and academic performance, but it doesn't work that way in practice.

The two minorities who most conspicuously succeed in our schools—Asian-Americans and Jewish-Americans—do so without benefit of an "Asia-centric" or "Judeo-centric" curriculum. Self-esteem is a consequence, not the cause, of achievement. Will it increase their self-esteem when black children grow up and learn that many of the things Afrocentrists taught them are not true? Afrocentrism does a great disservice to students.

Q. Are you opposed to all multicultural education?

A. It all depends on what one means by multiculturalism. When multiculturalism means teaching our kids about other peoples and continents, I'm for it. When it means teaching kids about the achievements of minorities in American history and literature, I'm all for that.

But when multiculturalism challenges the historic American ideal of assimilation of different peoples into a melting pot and encourages the perpetuation of separate ethnic and racial communities, it raises disturbing problems. The bonds of national cohesion are fragile already. Mutual hostility and suspicion are bound to emerge in a

society bent on defining itself in terms of competing groups.

Q. Is bilingual education another branch of the cult of ethnicity?

A. Bilingual education isn't new. German was often used in schools in the midwest in the 19th century. But that bilingualism was designed not to maintain German as a separate language but to facilitate the entry into English-speaking society by students raised in German-speaking homes. So long as that is the object of bilingual education, it's an excellent thing.

The problem, though, is that today's bilingual education is creating a vested interest in maintaining linguistic separatism and a Spanish-speaking society. It promotes segregation, nourishes racial antagonisms and shuts doors on students. That is not good.

Q. Can we expect to see a day when large areas of this country won't be English speaking?

A. I do not see us ending up with a series of ghettos—Spanish-speaking or Korean-speaking enclaves, and so forth. People may use such tongues as secondary languages, but to enjoy the full possibilities open to Americans they will have to learn English—as they are doing now.

Q. Do you support a constitutional amendment to make English the official language?

A. A common language is necessary, especially in so diverse a society as America. It's a bond of national cohesion. However, a constitutional amendment is absolutely unnecessary. It would be a startling confession of English's weakness, but English is on the march everywhere in the world. It is the lingua franca of the 20th and 21st centuries. Everybody has to learn it. English is in no danger. Furthermore, the attempt to pass such an amendment would be very divisive and would cause considerable acrimony without commensurate gains.

Q. Why do communities let their schools adopt damaging ethnic curricula?

A. People should know better than to go along with this, but there are various reasons why many do. Partly it's an unhappy consequence of white guilt, the bad conscience we have for the terrible things white Americans have done to nonwhite Americans over the centuries.

Partly, too, it's a feeling that other

LEGION'S POSITION ON BILINGUAL EDUCATION

Res. 543 passed by the 74th American Legion National Convention at Chicago in 1992 states: "Bilingual education programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education, in large, are designed to provide long-term instruction in a student's native language, while English is subjected to a secondary status."

Such programs "tend to encourage separatism rather than unification of purpose," the resolution says.

Calling on Congress and state legislatures to declare English the official language of government in the United States, the resolution also urges funding of alternative bilingual education programs to serve as short-term steps for immigrants to achieve English proficiency. □

approaches aren't working, so why not try this? It's an escape from the more serious remedies for our educational system because those remedies would require higher taxes and the last thing many Americans want to do today is pay taxes—though how they expect to get better public services unless they pay for them is not clear to me.

Q. In your new book you make the point that "the curse of racism was the great failure" in U.S. history.

A. It sure is — and white America must never forget it. Assimilation is a two-way street, and the primary responsibility for racial tension lies not with the excluded and angry minorities, but with the complacent majority. The people who want to join America need to receive a welcome from the people who think they own America. It's up to white America to fulfill its responsibility which is to show that every American, regardless of the color of his skin, has an equal right to attain whatever success his character and talents allow.

Q. Don't the successes of Asians in recent years—Chinese, Japanese, and Southeast and South Asians—show that our society is much more inclusive than it was even a generation ago?

A. There is no question that this is true. In fact, the movement from

exclusion to inclusion is one of the great themes of American history. Half a century ago, newspapers ran lurid articles about "the yellow peril" and in World War II we interned thousands of perfectly loyal Japanese-Americans. But now that has changed very much, not only for Asian-Americans but also for blacks.

If a half-century ago somebody had told me a black would be chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that there would be black Supreme Court Justices, that Virginia's governor and the mayors of New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Atlanta would be black, I would have been incredulous. Yet this is exactly what has happened. We unquestionably have made great progress.

But this does not mean there are no problems. One reason why Asian-Americans have so much success is their cohesive family structure. One reason why other minorities have a harder time is the chaotic condition of their family life, and their difficulty in finding jobs. In New York's Harlem, 40 percent of kids between the ages of 16 and 25 cannot find employment. No wonder they become dispirited.

I think every American who is able and willing to work ought to be able to find a job. That would be the best means of strengthening family structures and reducing racial tensions.

Q. Do you see us becoming a nation of minorities?

A. I don't think so and I'll tell you why. The more the multicultural ideologues press the case for ethnic separatism, the less they appeal to the mass of their own people.

What will defeat the ideologues is the failure of young people in those groups to stick with their groups. The most telling statistics are the rates of intermarriage across religious, ethnic, and, increasingly, racial lines. For 1990, the Census Bureau estimated one million interracial marriages as against 310,000 in 1970.

In the long run, the power of love and sex will defeat those who wish to divide America into separate, permanently distinct ethnic and racial groups. So I remain optimistic.

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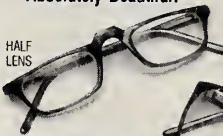
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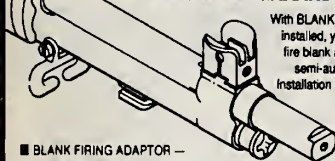
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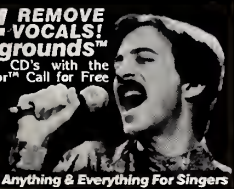
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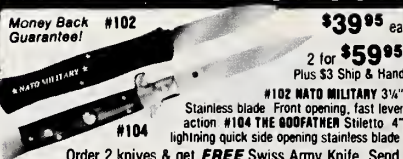
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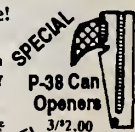
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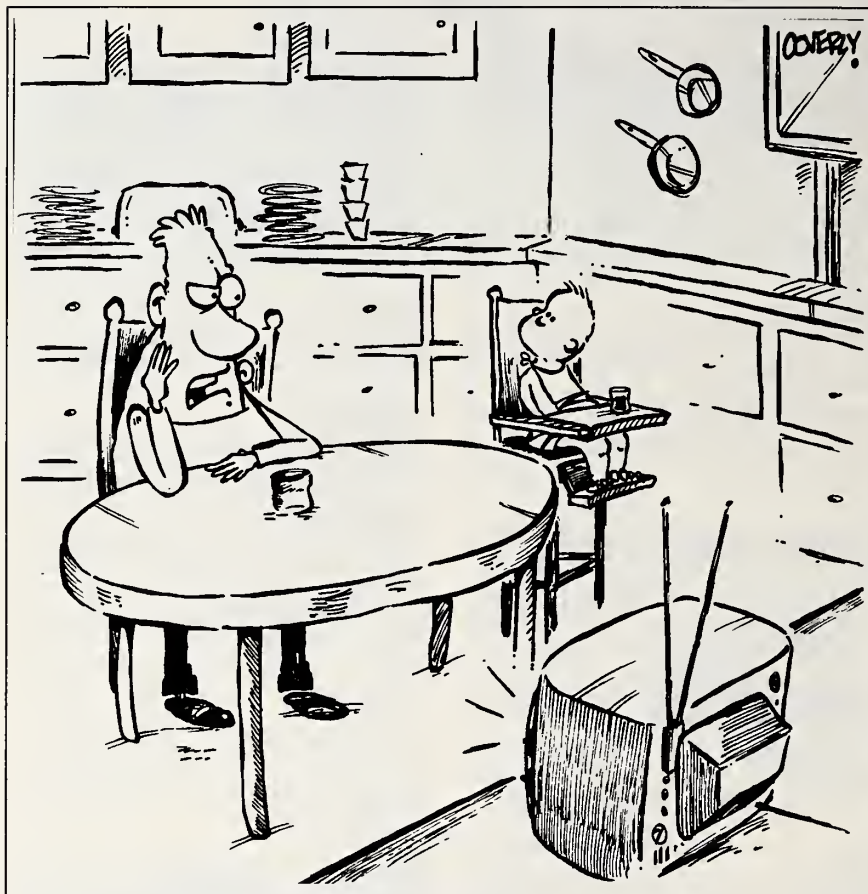
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